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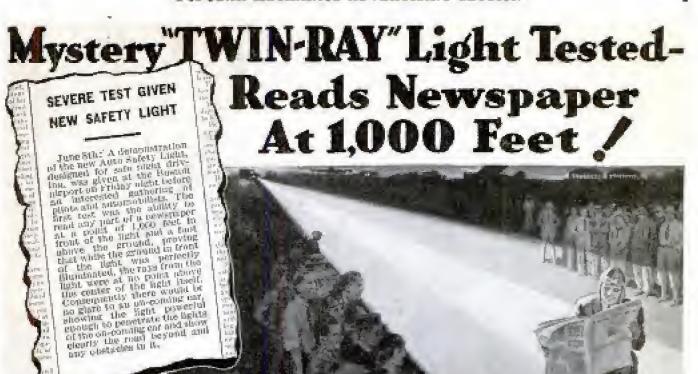
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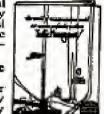
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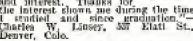
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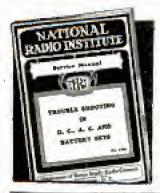
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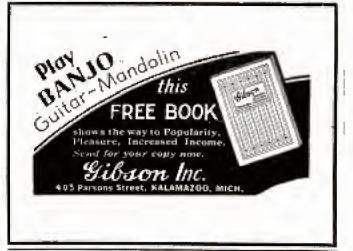
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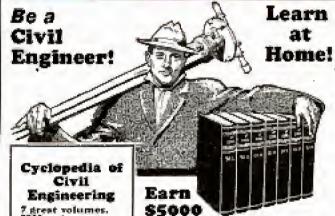
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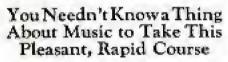
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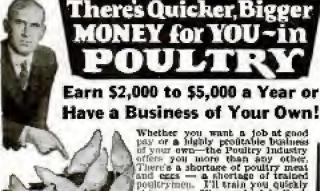
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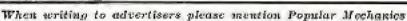
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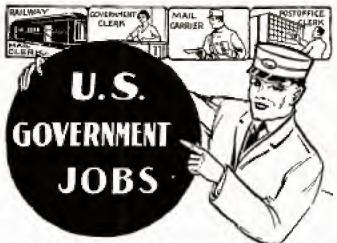
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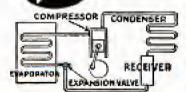
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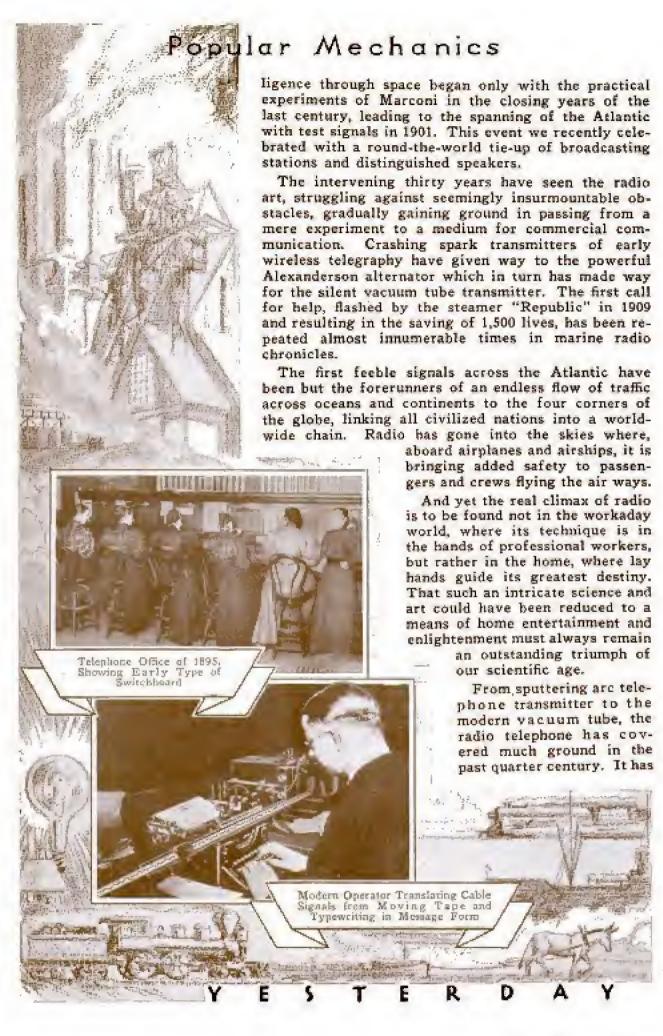
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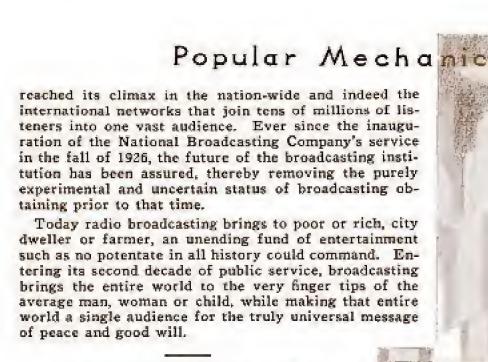
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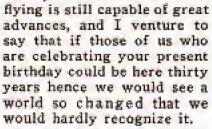


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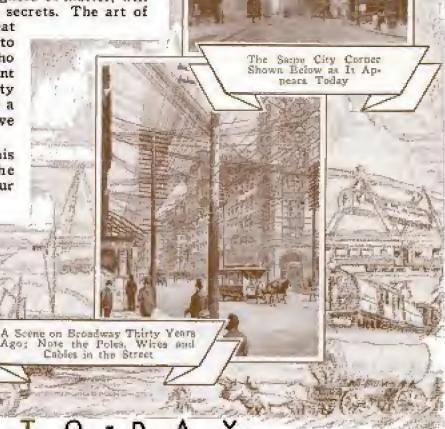
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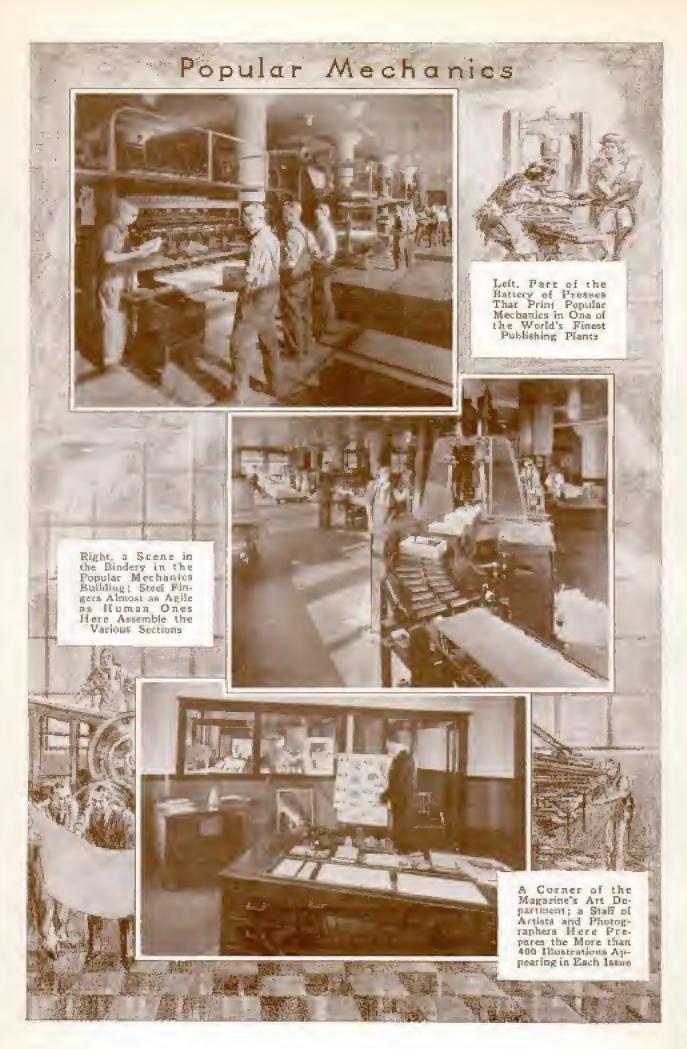
W HILE, in my opinion, the thirty years which have passed since the founding of your magazine have witnessed great advances in scientific knowledge and the development of great inventions of far-reaching application, I am just as certain that the next thirty years will see vastly greater developments still and of things so fundamentally great that it is hard to even imagine or conceive of them today.

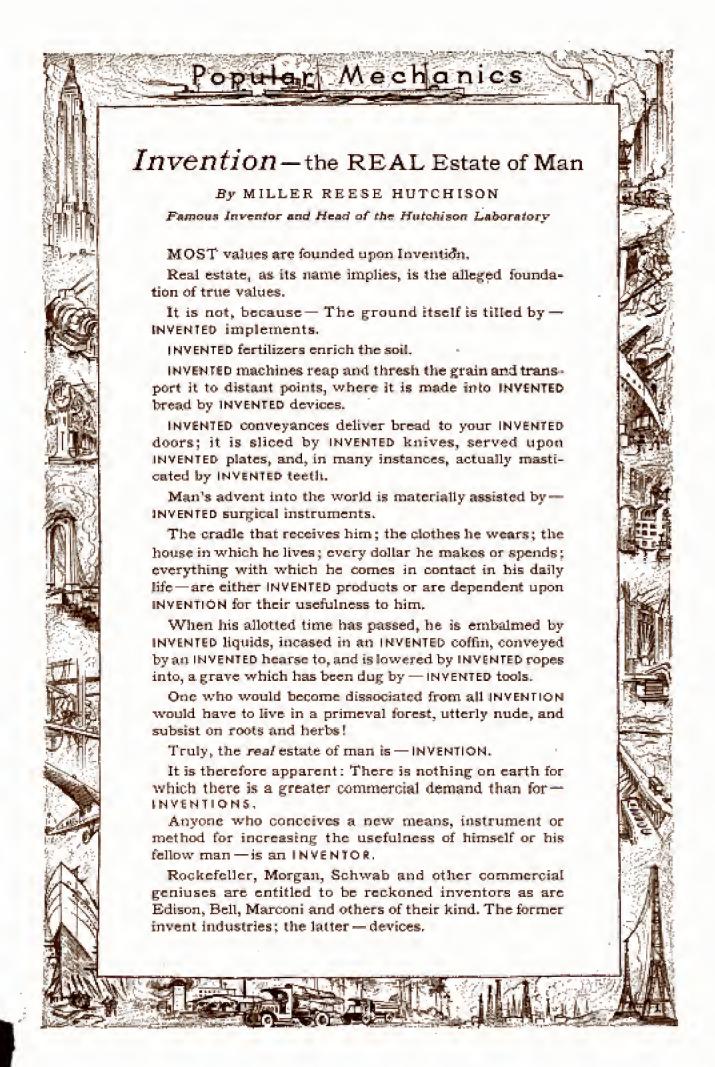
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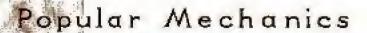


In the front rank of this advance will be, as in the past, the shock troops—our American inventors.









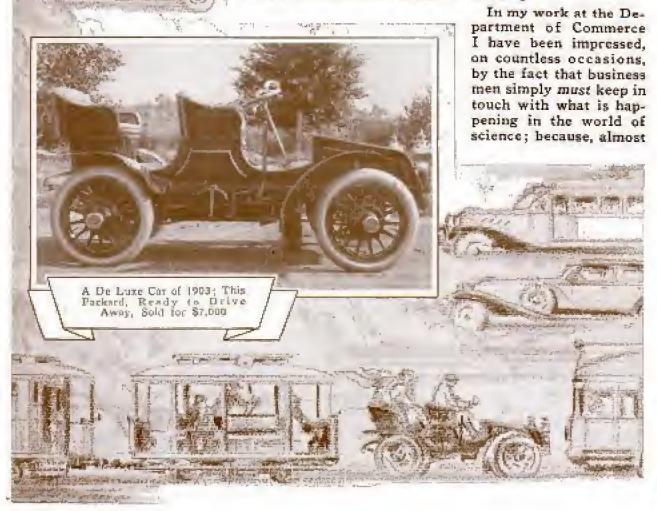
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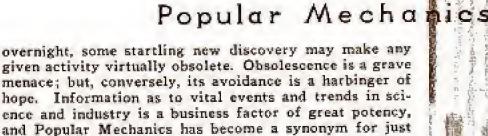
By JULIUS KLEIN

Assistant Secretary of Commerce

POPULAR MECHANICS certainly has performed a very significant function these last three crowded decades in keeping our people fully aware of the scientific developments that have played such a tremendous role in the advance of American industry and business. The wide dissemination, through this periodical, of knowledge about inventions and the other notable scientific achievements of our generation has formed an incentive to further research and has heightened the buying public's receptiveness to novel, ingenious devices when these have been placed upon the market.

The opportunities for such useful service have never been so great, so significant, as they are now; and they promise to increase with the passage of time. If our present experience is anything like that of our predecessors, it is certain that we shall see the recovery of business sharply accelerated by the rise of many new industries upon the basis of inventive genius. Inevitably, the future chronicle of these trying times will show that the foundations of great new businesses, thanks to the mechanical ingenuity of our people, had been laid in the rock-bottom stages of the slump.





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LABOR FREED BY INVENTION

By WM. GREEN

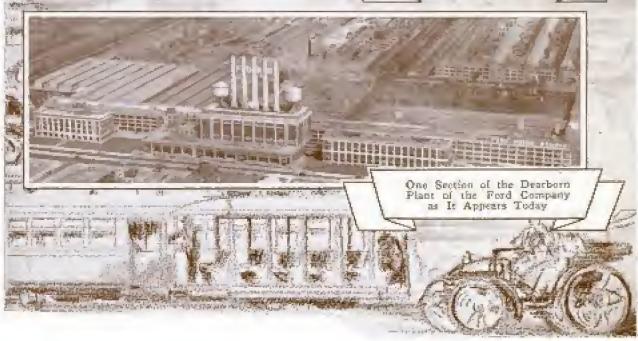
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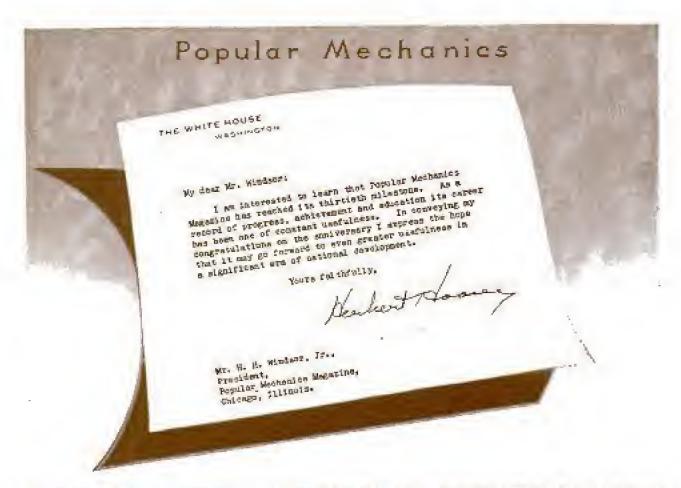
BACK of mechanical inventions are the scientists in their laboratories and the practical engineers who put service to use in our every day world. In our work shops, our factories and our great service agencies are the workers who put inventions to work producing the things that the world wants. During the past two decades

there has been extraordinary productivity both in the laboratories and in the field of applied science.

The tools and the materials of the work shops have been revolutionized. In other civilizations leisure was gained by using slaves to do the work. Mechanical power and machine perfection have given us mechanical slaves. Reckoning in the terms of man power, a Yale professor estimates these power machines put at the command of each individual the equivalent of one hundred and sixty-







five slaves. The mechanical crane has lifted heavy loads off men's backs; the steam shovel has taken them out of the ditch; power switches give them long distance control; the teletype enables them to write messages in a far distant office. These machines are symbolic of the revolution that has come in work habits. Obviously these mechanical slaves should be providing our industrial workers with that leisure necessary for wider interests and greater activity in public affairs.

WIRELESS TO SUPPLY FUTURE POWER

By A. W. ROBERTSON

Chairman of the Board, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.

HISTORY has no precedent for the fifty-year growth of the electrical industry! This progress was made possible by the alternating current system. The electrical appliances which are seen at every turn and the power plants and transmission lines which dot the landscape are living tributes to Westinghouse, Edison and other pioneers who had the foresight and ability to make practical application of electrical knowledge.

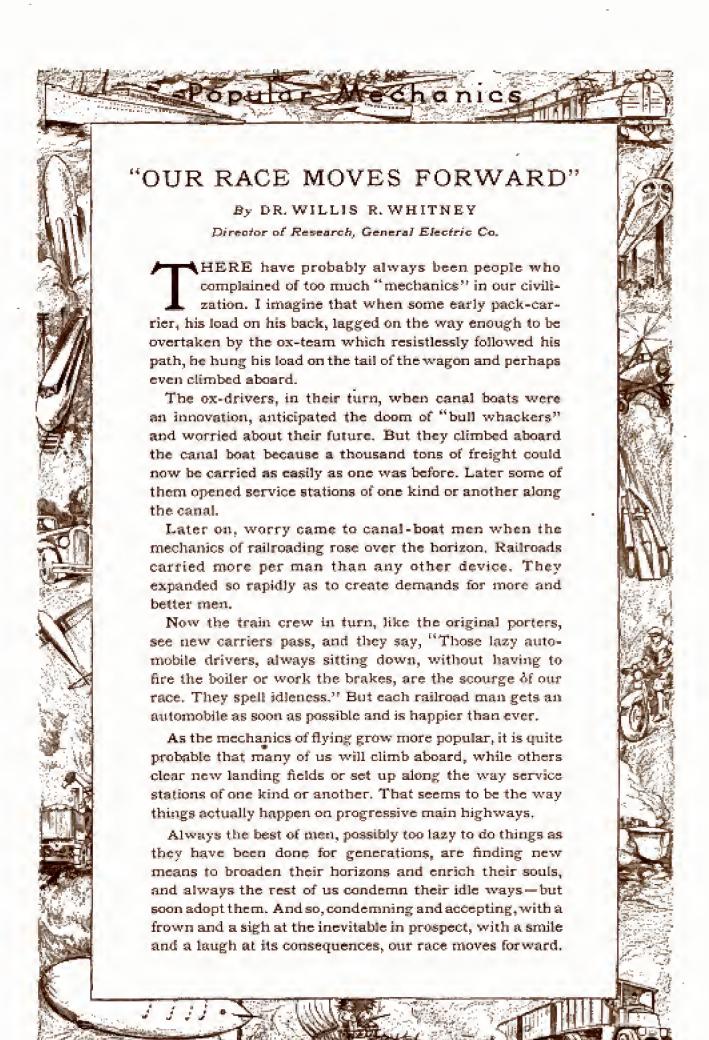
Today, we stand on the threshold of television. Already, radio broadcasting stands somewhat blocked for lack of sufficient channels. The entrance of television with its even greater requirements of wave channels complicates the situation. Who will free this jam!

Artificial lighting is in great need of improvement. To get three or four percent of visible light we throw away ninety-six or ninety-seven percent of invisible radiation as heat.

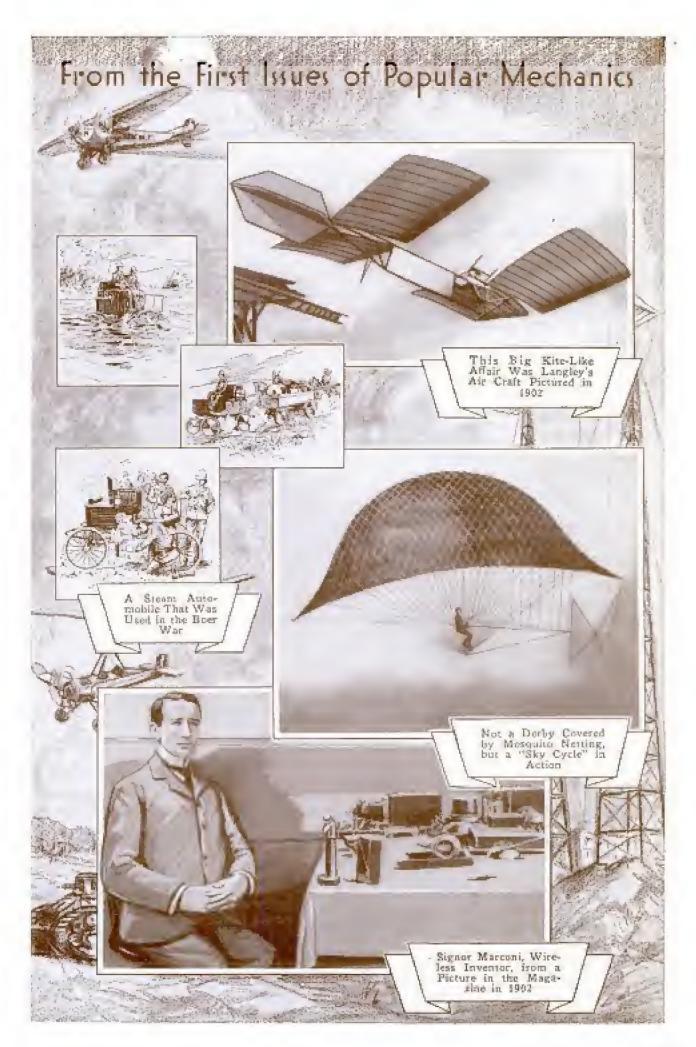
The transmission of electrical power through space without the use of wires remains to be accomplished. Radio transmission of power may solve this problem. One application alone, the delivery of radio power to operate airplanes, would completely revolutionize our present systems of transportation!

The electrical industry is well aware of its responsibility to the public of continuing the electrical progress started by early pioneers. It promises in the next half century, advancements which will dwarf into insignificance its developments of the past.

The electrical industry will fulfil this promise!









MACHINES TO RAISE WAGES

By H. W. BUCK

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MUCH abuse has been heard lately of this mechanical world in which we live and of its alleged displacement of human labor. If, however, some of the critics of our present civilization could bring back conditions of one hundred years ago, which they appear to admire so much, it would be interesting to see how they would provide jobs for those engaged at present in work which is the result of mechanical invention. A few of such groups given for the year 1930 might be cited:

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All of the above industries have been developed from mechanical inventions and labor saving devices and yet the very saving of labor has allowed an economic expansion of industry to take place sufficient to provide far more employment as a whole than the labor displaced by the individual labor saving machines.

A few years ago, for instance, ditches were dug by manual labor with pick and shovel. Today the steam shovel and the trench digging machine have displaced a large amount of such labor. However, the resulting inexpensive ditch has enabled more ditches to be dug and the old ditch digger has been promoted to the building of the labor saving machines used and to making the pipe, electrical cables, conduits, cement, etc., to be laid in the ditch and is receiving much higher wages therefor. The economic world could not possibly afford to pay him as much for mere manual labor.

Two of the greatest labor saving machines of all time have been the stone crusher and the air driven rock drill. Hundreds of men who had formerly done the work by hand were apparently thrown out of work by those inventions. But today we have the enormous road building industry employing thousands of men all made possible by the air drill and rock crusher.

In the long run wages will be proportional not to the amount of labor expended in a day's work but to the amount a man can actually accomplish. Wages are higher today than fifty years ago because men produce more. The two primary elements that make this result possible are machinery invention and mechanical power. It would greatly clarify economic thought if the term "labor saying machinery" could be abolished and



some expression such as "production increasing machinery" substituted.

Mechanical invention has not reached its limit. The country will continue to grow in the future with its aid as it has in the past if governmental throttling does not prevent. Many inventions will be of a nature to create entirely new occupations without displacing any labor, such as the radio.

At times there will undoubtedly be temporary displacements of labor and derangements due to new inventions during the interval required for re-employment of such labor in new and higher paid employment. Such problems can, however, be successfully handled by intelligent leadership.

OIL INDUSTRY MOVES FORWARD

By W. C. TEAGLE

President, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey

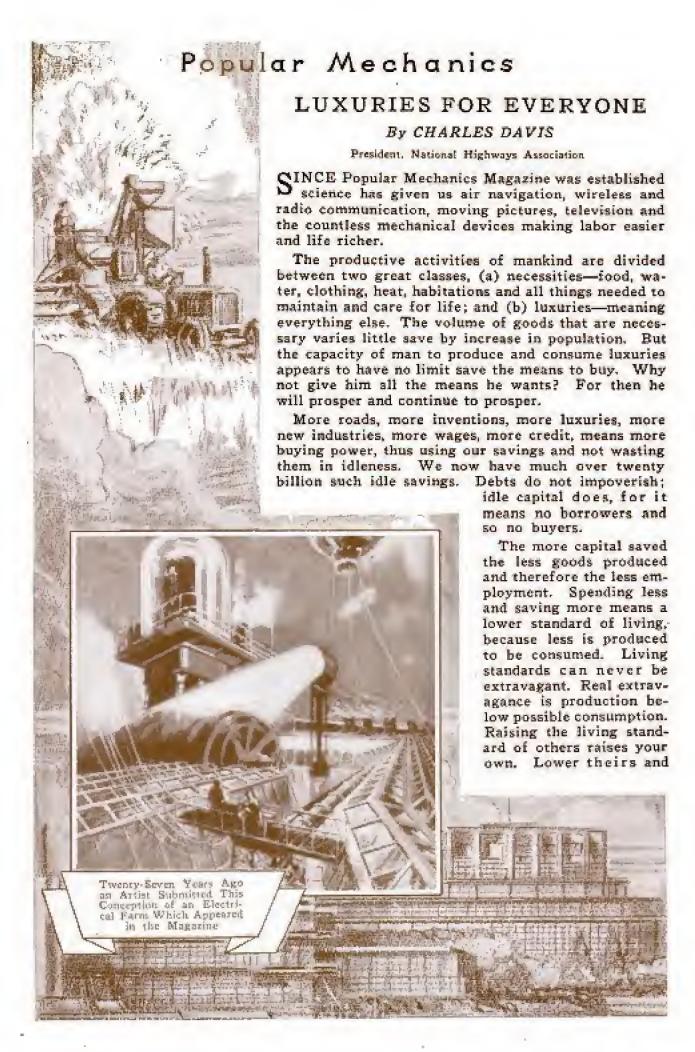
PEW industries have aided, and at the same time been helped by, the progress of science as has the oil business. Were it not for science, petroleum would not be available in the hundreds of different forms in which it is sold today. Were it not for petroleum, numerous scientific discoveries—particularly in the mechanical field—would have died in the laboratory.

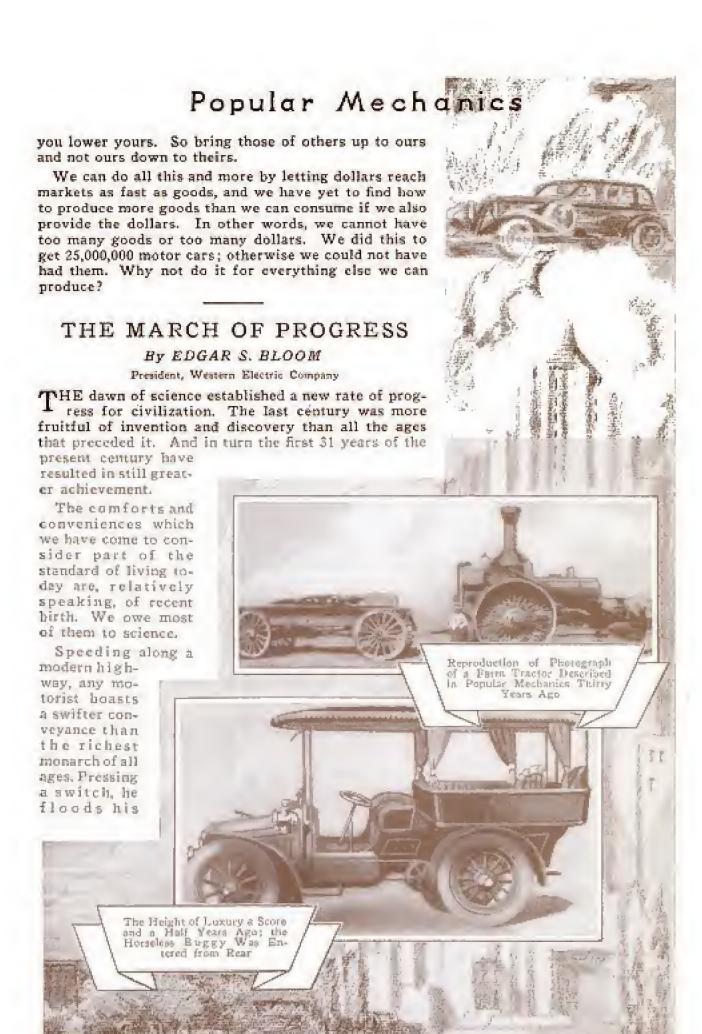
A modern oil refinery is a monument to the progress of science. Metallurgy, welding and riveting have combined with improved thermodynamics and the genius of the mechanical engineer to give the refiner of today great cracking towers, capable of withstanding working pressures up to 750 and 1,000 pounds, and temperatures as high as 900 to 1,100 degrees F.

Rotary drilling has extended the search for oil to a depth of nearly two miles in some fields. Powerful valves and fittings choke off pressures as high as a ton or more per square inch suddenly released at the bottom of the hole. Diesel engines and improved high pressure steam give the oil man more efficient tankers to transport his product on the seas. High carbon steel, seamless pipe and improved welding methods, not to mention powerful gas compressors, enable us to send invisible fuel from Texas to Chicago—nearly 1,000 miles.

The mutual interdependence of science and petroleum along many lines promises interesting developments for the future. Hydrogenation and improved refining processes not only have assured us of an adequate supply of motor fuel but point the way to gasolines of better anti-knock quality. This in turn is matched by the automotive engineers' promise of more powerful engines and cars of greater flexibility in operation.

In the industrial field, the oil industry is compounding and otherwise improving its lubricants to meet the challenge of greater friction, larger, heavier and more powerful machinery and high gear and bearing pressures in the modern factory.





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home with light such as only an occasion of state in some kingly mansion would have justified 100 years ago. Taking the telephone in his hand, he summons a magic which, with the speed of light, outstrips the fleetest messenger and, more than that, conveys his message in his living voice.

Such instances of the forces now at the command of the humblest citizen can be multiplied endlessly. The accomplishments of science in power, in illumination, in transportation and in communication have found a host of applications in the home, in industry and in every walk of daily life. Seeing how new and better ways have always crowded out the old, we realize that in the future the course of events will lead us forward in the same manner. The candle is replaced by oil, oil by gas, gas by electricity. The foot messenger is passed by the horseman, the horseman by the signal tower, signalling by the telegraph. And now by telephone and radio our voices circle the globe and bring the farthest land within speaking distance.

These triumphs of human ingenuity go on. Often before this, the march of progress has halted. But only temporarily. Always it has set off again to climb to higher goals. While we are adjusting ourselves to present economic difficulties, the foundations are being laid for a new ascent.

In the industrial laboratories of today, men who are scientists in many fields have joined forces. While this mass attack upon the riddles of nature is relatively new, it has already proved far more productive in invention and discovery than any previous method.

Countless realms remain to be explored. The more we progress, the more opportunity we see ahead for progressing. The future will yield a harvest of technical developments which we can now scarcely vision. Science has just started the work of harnessing nature to do the bidding of man.

THE FUTURE LEADERS OF MEN

By IOHN PAUL LUCAS

President, American Engineering Council

YOU are arousing and stimulating in Popular Mechanics Magazine the desire on the part of your readers to weigh and appraise things and training them to judge men and situations with greater accuracy.

Men familiar with the mechanics of material are better able to judge the abilities and the capacities of men; and in breeding in men a desire to know something of the mechanics of things in general, something of the strength and qualities of materials, and of the strength and qualities of men, you are promoting their capacity and their ability as leaders of men. The successful executive must know the capacity and the break-

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ing point of men as well as of materials. Popular Mechanics Magazine therefore, through its inspiring and stimulating articles of progress and achievement, is rendering an outstanding service to its readers and to the country in general.

THE PROGRESS OF MEDICINE

By CHARLES H. MAYO, M. D.

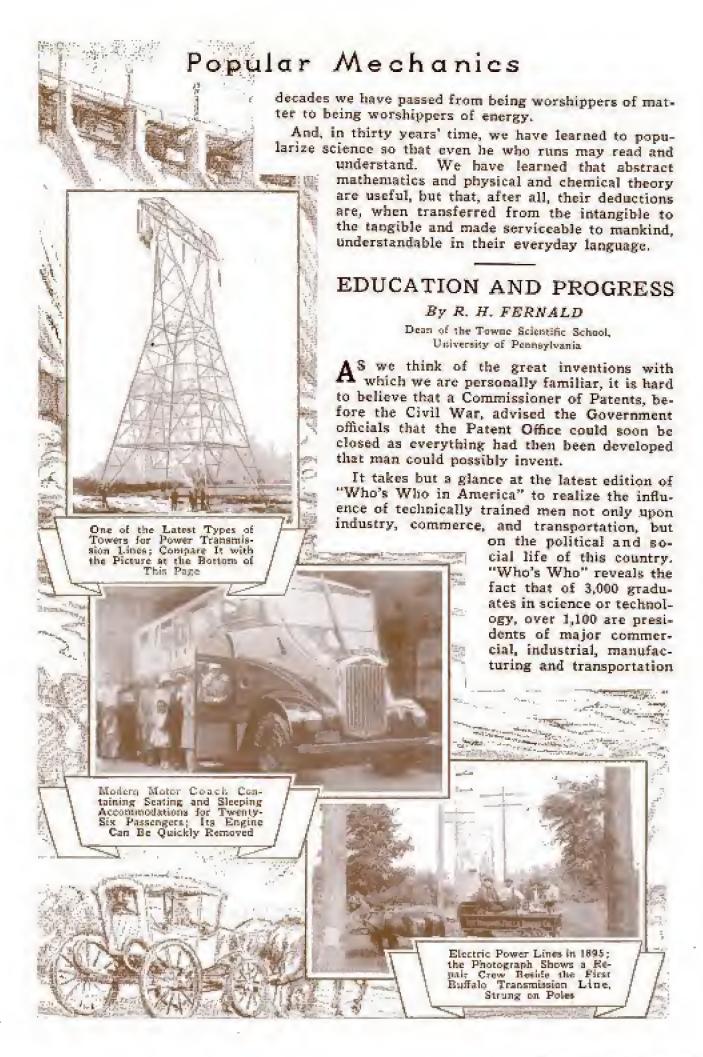
JUST a little more than thirty years ago, or shortly before the founding of Popular Mechanics, the world was ushered into a new era of development through the discovery of radium and X-rays. It is indeed difficult to realize that but three decades have passed since man acquired a greater control over the invisible and unlimited sources of energy which, in one form or another, fill the universe.

The little, insignificant tube which Roentgen made in 1896 was the forerunner of the modern tubes which approximate a million volts or so, and from which man will derive energy of a character similar to that of the gamma rays of radium discovered by Madame Curie. The range of man's vision has been extended in innumerable ways, but paramount has been the ability given him to weed out the flaws, defects and diseases of metals and human flesh.

No tongue can relate or pen sketch the untold service which the utilization of these very short wavelengths of energy has accomplished in medicine and surgery, for, in addition to making visible injuries and diseases of the bones, the accuracy of diagnosis of ailments of the stomach, gallbladder, lungs and other vital organs of the body has been increased manyfold and assistance rendered in the alleviation of suffering and the cure of cancer.

The discovery by Richardson and others that a metallic wire when heated emitted charged particles was the basis for the modern radio tube; and the circling of the world in a fraction of a second, so that terrestrial time and space, in the last quarter of a century, have been brought well nigh to naught. The thinkers and the builders have each contributed toward this wonderful progress. In certain types of surgery, the old scalpel is being relegated to the archives of past achievements and is being replaced by surgical diathermy or the radio knife. Portions of the body, both externally and internally, are being heated by diathermy and short electric waves.

Each year sees constant advancement in the application of man's increased ability to harness, direct and control energy. The mighty sun of the heavens is being successfully imitated in various types of electric arcs, so that man need no longer suffer from the diseases of darkness. Comfort and efficiency have been increased by the development of the incandescent lamp by that great wizard of electricity, Edison. So in three



Popular Mechanics organizations and companies, seventy-odd are presidents of consulting engineering and construction firms, seventy are presidents of banks and trust companies, between twenty and thirty are presidents of universities.

Governors of several states and the President of the United States are among the distinguished representatives of the engineering profession who have responded to the call to render important public service.

higher executive positions throughout this country are calling for men with a scientific or technical educational background.

Ultimately, this means placing our scientific and technical courses upon a graduate basis, the Bachelor of Arts degree being required as a prerequisite.

For the time being, it means reducing our technical requirements to the strictly fundamental courses and enriching the educational program by the introduction of subjects that have a broader and more cultural significance.

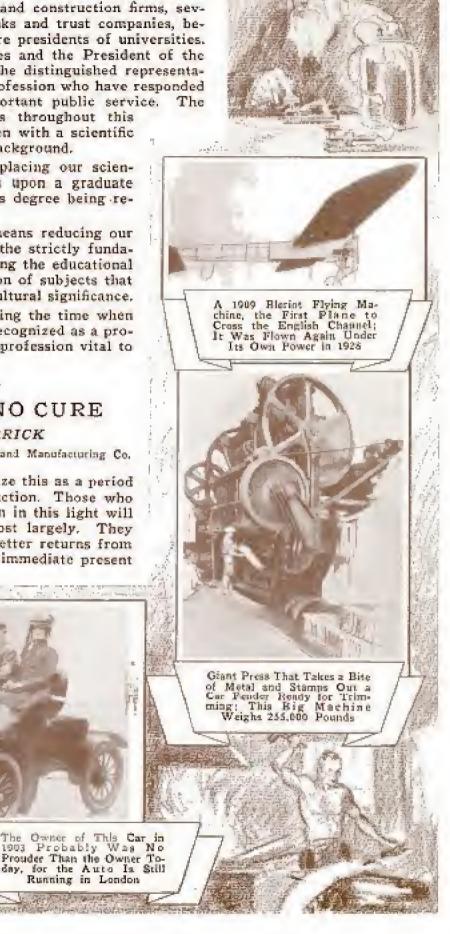
We are slowly approaching the time when engineering will be truly recognized as a profession and not a trade—a profession vital to world progress.

NOSTRUMS NO CURE

By F. A. MERRICK

President, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.

INDUSTRY must recognize this as a period of wholesome reconstruction. Those who first recognize the situation in this light will be the ones who profit most largely, will profit in the way of better returns from the actual business of the immediate present



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and still more largely in the future when the efficiency and strength developed in making ends meet under adverse conditions can be applied to serving the enormous needs of this country and of the world when the dammed-up buying power is released.

Present lines of production are being revamped, new and useful lines are being sought out, research is busy, manufacturing processes are being refined for higher quality and reduced cost, distribution means and methods are being analyzed, markets, both present and possible for development, are under close study. Industry will come out of the depression more fundamentally organized than ever before. This is the only way out. No nostrums will serve.

The electrical industry is especially typical in this respect—possibly more than typical because of the great fields of adaptability still in view ahead. Electrical industry is fortunate in that its service is a foundation stone of every industrial structure. Electricity serves every individual of the modern community—in his home, in his travels, in the manufacture of every article which he uses, in the transport of these articles, in turning the hours of darkness into light, in furnishing heat, in aiding the searches after health—in fact, in universal service.

The position of these industries is unquestioned and their growth is to be measured only by the assuredly returning prosperity of the relatively near future.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

By W. M. KINNEY

General Manager, Portland Cement Association

THIRTY years ago, when Popular Mechanics was founded, there were only 23,000 automobiles in the United States and not a single motor truck. Electric washing machines, cream separators and milking machines, the radio, reliable can openers and fire-safe homes were unknown. Comparatively few had developed a liking and appreciation for things mechanical and scientific that saved time and money.

In the years that followed, Popular Mechanics unfolded the story of the most productive period the world has ever known. The magazine, itself, played an important part in this drama of mechanization and scientific progress. It has not been long since a full century or more was required for a new idea to permeate the civilized world. This was true not only because of limited communication but also because of a fear of things new and a loathness to abandon traditional customs. Popular Mechanics, as an interpreter of science in its application to everyday life; has been a public servant of inestimable value.

The future for Popular Mechanics is none the less alluring.



There is still much to be done. The last quarter of a century may be regarded as a preparatory period for, in the years to come, discoveries even more amazing will be revealed, and more than that, there will be an exceedingly wide application of these disclosures.

RAILWAYS SAFER THAN HOMES

By C. R. GRAY

President, Union Pacific Railroad Co.

IN their efforts to provide the traveling and shipping public with more comfortable, convenient and safer service and at the same time to overcome rising taxes and increased wages, American railroads in the past thirty years have greatly depended upon the engineering and scientific fields.

Thirty years ago the "Consolidation Type" locomotive was the heaviest and most generally used power plant in freight service. This locomotive weighed 300,000 pounds and had a pulling power capable of handling thirty-four average loaded freight cars on an average one per cent grade. Today, without considering the Mallet type, used for helpers, which run even higher, locomotives are in use which weigh 803,000 pounds and which are capable of handling eighty-five average loaded freight cars on an average one per cent grade.

The advancement in locomotives has been accomplished in several stages, designed to make possible not only the handling of larger trains but also to reduce the operating and maintenance costs and particularly to reduce fuel expense. In this connection, during the past thirty years there has been developed the superheater which saves twenty per cent in fuel and the feed water heater which saves ten per cent in fuel. At the same time the mechanical stoker, mechanical lubricator, power reverse gears and other improvements have been perfected.

Along with the advancement in locomotives and to make their use possible, the 80-pound rail which was in general use in 1901 has been supplanted by the 130-pound average of today. With the heavier rail there has come improved rail fastenings, better ties, heavier ballast and more permanent structures.

In passenger service the all-steel car has completely supplanted the wooden equipment formerly used with the result that there has been a great advancement in comfort and safety. Numerous improvements have taken place which add to the attractiveness of traveling, principal among these being improved seating, better lighting, heating and ventilating and modernized sanitary equipment.

Today safety in railroad travel has been developed to such an extent that accident insurance companies write policies on the premise that a traveler is four times as safe on the railroad train as he is at home or on the street or driving his own car.



THE PAST ASSURES THE FUTURE

By ALEX LEGGE

President, International Harvester Company

BACK in 1902, as I recall those days, the average man thought that most of our major mechanical problems had been pretty well solved, and that we were equipped with about all the mechanical means and adjuncts of living that we really required; yet look at the tremendous and revolutionary advances that have been made since that time in practically every department of mechanical science.

Thirty years ago we were just coming into the automotive age. The total United States registration of passenger cars in 1902 was 23,000. I wonder what would have happened to any prophet of that period if he had dared to predict a total registration in 1930 of twenty-three million passenger cars, besides nearly three and one-half million motor trucks. As a matter of fact, motor trucks did not come into the production picture until 1904.

The aeroplane, radio, moving pictures—what a host of mechanical marvels the last thirty years have produced, each of them profoundly affecting the whole race, each of them the foundation of a new world-wide industry!

But to my mind no mechanical development in all this wonder-working period outranks in economic importance the application of automotive energy to agriculture—the advent of the internal combustion tractor which ushered in the power farming age. Thirty years ago Dobbin was still supreme and unchallenged as a source of power on the farm. In 1902 the tractor was still only a dream, a thing for some far off future. And today there are perhaps a million tractors on the farms of the United States, and thousands of farms that have no horses at all!

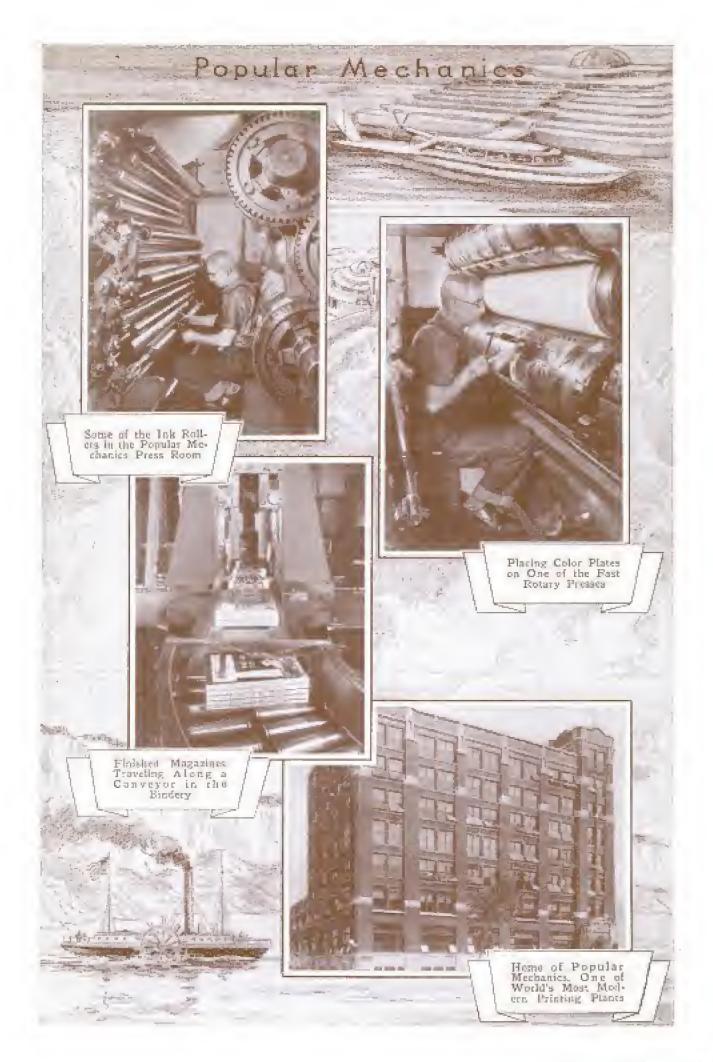
Surely we who look back on such a record of progress in three decades cannot be so blind as to believe that science, invention, engineering and manufacturing will stand still during the thirty years that lie just ahead. If we need anything to strengthen our faith in the accomplishments of the future, we can find it by reviewing our accomplishments of the past.

WORLD WAITS NEW IDEAS

By F. O. CLEMENTS

Technical Director, Research Laboratory, General Motors Corp.

THIRTY years ago a new thing captured the world's fancy. It started as a fad, grew as a means of recreation and today has become a necessity and the basis of our largest industry—the automobile. But approximately five years ago an unhealthy



idea crept into this as well as other leading industries—the standardization idea. The whole thing was based on the thought that we had reached the millennium, that it was no longer desirable to create new things but make thousands of the old products to sell more cheaply. And the whole world became sick from over-production of articles which it was thought were permanent.

We have convalesced for two years. And, consciously or unconsciously, the world has been purged of the idea standardization germ. I honestly believe that today we have a healthier outlook than ever before. People were never so receptive to new things. We enter the new year with better organized means of getting new ideas and new products into existence.

Nearly every business has its research department—a procurement department for new ideas. And 1932 will go down in history as one of originality—a constant striving to break away from the stereotyped.

THIS CHANGING WORLD!

By EDWIN C. ECKEL, C. E.

Mining and Engineering Geology

EACH great war period brings vast loss and vast extravagance. From 1789 to 1815 the whole civilized world engaged in savage wars; from 1853 to 1871 another war period involved all the leading nations in turn; from 1912 to 1920 our recent experience, counting in the preliminary Balkan wars and the post-war Russian and other civil wars—made up in intensity what it shortened in time. In every case the world has come out of such a period with high prices, inflated currencies, great material and human losses. And in each case, after a decade or so of deflation and difficulty, the world has regained slowly its sanity and its sense of economy, and has gone ahead to new prosperity by the aid of new processes, new products, and new raw materials.

Each time that a new period of prosperity has come to a temporarily impoverished world, it has come in a new form, not in a mere copy of the old or pre-war type. The world before the Napoleonic wars, for example, was a world of hand labor; it had no steam engine, it had practically no machinery of any sort, steel was a rare metal and iron was made chiefly in cold-blast charcoal furnaces. The world which, after Napoleon, came again to life around 1825 did so with the help of the steam engine, coke, fuel, the hot blast, railways, steamships and textile machinery.

In similar fashion the great war period 1853 to 1870 killed some industries and some processes; the post-war prosperity was based on entirely new things. Some of these new things, we may recall, were Bessemer and open hearth steel, the devel-

opment of electric power, the telephone, refrigeration, cables, coal tar products, the Lake Superior ore ranges, by-product coking, the trolley car and the motor car.

So today if you look for the first signs of renewal growth, it will be idle to look for them among the older mines and processes and products. For the one thing of which you can be sure is that the main features of our next period of world prosperity will be new things. In the two industries with which I am most closely acquainted such signs of new progress are I believe quite clearly apparent, though as yet masked by general trade depression. For unless I am utterly mistaken as to conditions and probabilities, the steel industry in its next boom will not be concerned so much with common steels as with the newer alloy steels, and the cement industry is likely to rise to new heights not on the older types of product but on the new high-strength and high-speed cements which are coming rather broadly into use even now. So in other industries the people who wait for old processes and old products to reach their prewar importance are likely to wait forever in hopeless discontent, and this applies to great corporations as well as to individuals. Those who will attain success in the next period of prosperity will be those who are expecting to use new ways of doing things, who are willing to make and use new products of better type. Carnegie made steel rails, not wooden cart wheels, and Rockefeller wasted no time on whale oil.

It is absolutely certain that in the near future the world will again begin using annually increasing quantities of necessary raw materials, manufactured products and services; that is a corollary of normal increase in world population. It is to my mind at least almost equally clear that such increase in consumption will begin very soon, probably in 1932 for many lines of activity, and that in many lines, notably ferro-alloys and certain chemical products, we will be making new records in annual output before 1935. In all that development the United States, being exceptionally favored as regards supplies of foods and raw materials, will have the opportunity to take the lead, not merely in quantity production but in technical advance. And that, after all, is the only real base of all our modern civilization. We can very easily do without lawyers and politicians; we cannot realize a modern world without artisans and technicians.

Accepting the practical certainty of an American revival in tonnage outputs beginning slowly in 1932 and reaching new levels by 1935, we must guard against expecting two other things, which the mentally inert will expect to accompany trade revival as matters of course. I am referring to rising prices and to revival of old industries. As to the one, average prices will probably rise again, but not to the extravagant heights of 1921-1929; profits will be made best out of increased outputs at moderate price levels. As to the other, I have already expressed

my conviction that the coming period of prosperity will be marked by progress along new lines; there may be many old mines and mills which will never re-open, as partial offset to the many new ones which will come into existence as new raw materials are found, new processes invented, new products offered to a waiting market.

THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE

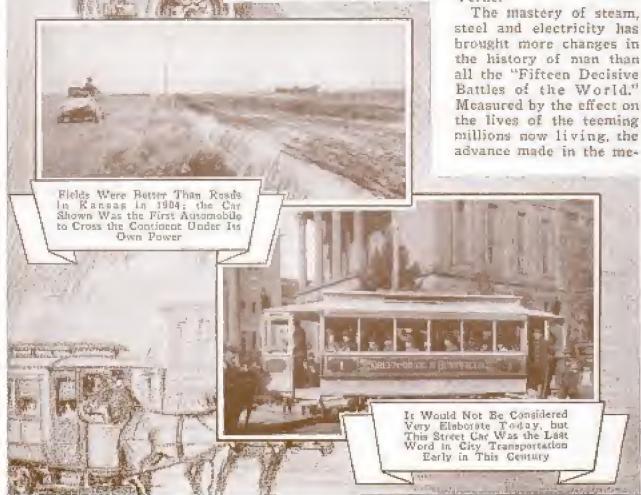
By DOYLE E. CARLTON

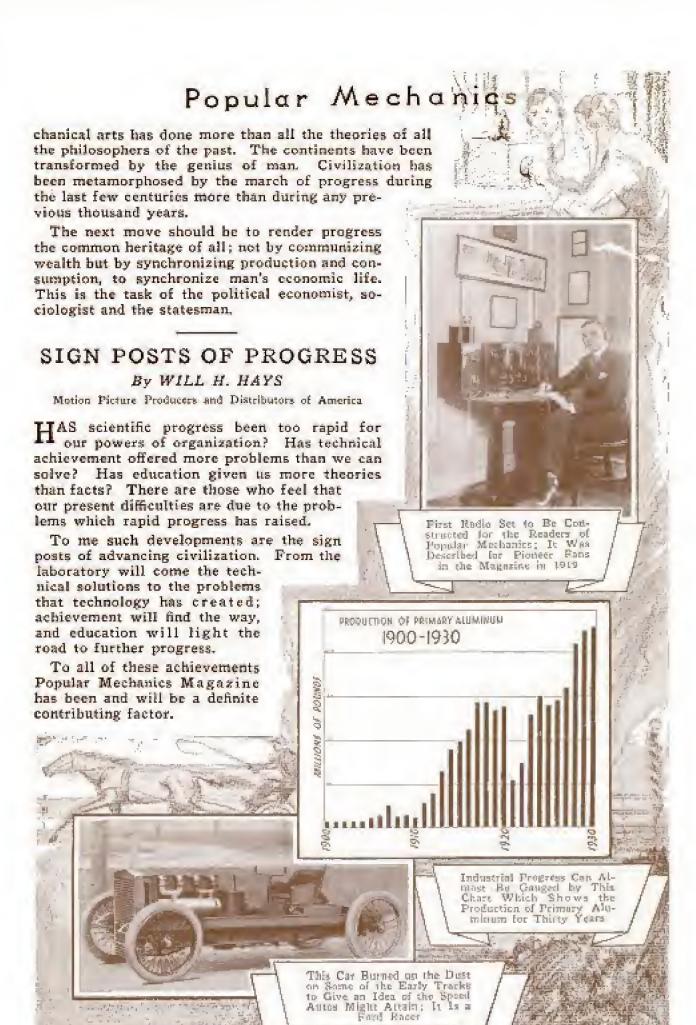
Governor of Florida

STORIES like those of Aladdin's Lamp, the Magic Carpet, and Open Sesame, cultivated the imagination in the East when progress was in its swaddling clothes. The marvelous things which were reputed to be accomplished by magicians, by fairies, by the use of talismans, by magical words or by the mythical gods of Greece and Rome drew heavily on imaginative credulity for centuries.

But when alchemy was dropped for chemistry, astrology for astronomy, magic for mechanics, and mythology for physics, the wand of science brought forth more wonders than were ever dreamed of in the Arabian Nights, the adventures of Baron Munchausen, the stories of Hans Andersen or the speculative romances of Jules

Verne.







"ON WHEELS AND WINGS"

By EDWARD G. SEUBERT

President, Standard Oil Company (Indiana)

THE thirty years since Popular Mechanics Magazine was founded have seen marvelous progress in the oil industry, resulting largely from application of science to all phases of its operations. Many of the steps in this advance have been described and pictured in the magazine as they developed.

We have only to contrast the United States production of 88,767,000 barrels of crude petroleum in 1902 with production which probably reached 853,000,000 barrels in 1931 to realize how science has aided the oil industry to march on.

In 1902 about ten per cent of the crude petroleum was unavoidably being made into gasoline, and refiners were wishing there were some use for it besides in gasoline stoves and lamps. Kerosene for lighting was nearly fifty per cent of the output. With development of the use of the automobile, engineers and chemists have made the oil refinery a complicated chemical plant which today has no trouble in converting kerosene and gas oil or fuel oil into gasoline, now in much greater demand, and a gasoline so different from the gasoline of thirty years ago that it is practically another product. Today the general yield from petroleum is about forty-two per cent gasoline, five per cent kerosene and the remainder, fuel oil, lubricants and other products.

In making motor fuels and lubricants available in abundance and at low prices, industrial science has put America on wheels and wings. Science was mainly responsible for creating both the demand for and supply of motor fuel and hundreds of other petroleum products. Popular Mechanics has aided this development like many others by broadening the public conception and understanding of the advanced facilities put at its disposal by science.

1902-1932-1962

By HEBER D. CURTIS

Director, the Observatory of the University of Michigan

In 1902, only thirty years ago, we felt, and with some reason, that we were nearly at the apex of scientific progress. The electric light was here, with electric power; the telephone was fairly usable; the bicycle was a finished product. Education was almost universal. Transportation seemed amply rapid, though outside the larger cities there were but few roads over which it was possible to drive a mule at eight miles per hour. Chemistry appeared fairly settled; physics was practically a closed book, as finished and as complete as the indivisible atom which formed its ultimate element.

We were a century, instead of thirty years, ahead of 1872, as progress is measured; science, transportation, government, all seemed to need only a few finishing touches. A few curiosities had appeared in the years just before 1902, but no prophet could have been so bold as to imagine them factors in changing the world. The X-ray was six years old; the first paid wireless message had been sent for a few miles in 1898; three years were to elapse before the first moving picture theater would be opened in Pittsburgh. True, 9,000 autos were produced in 1902, and a total of 23,000 were registered in the United States and Canada.

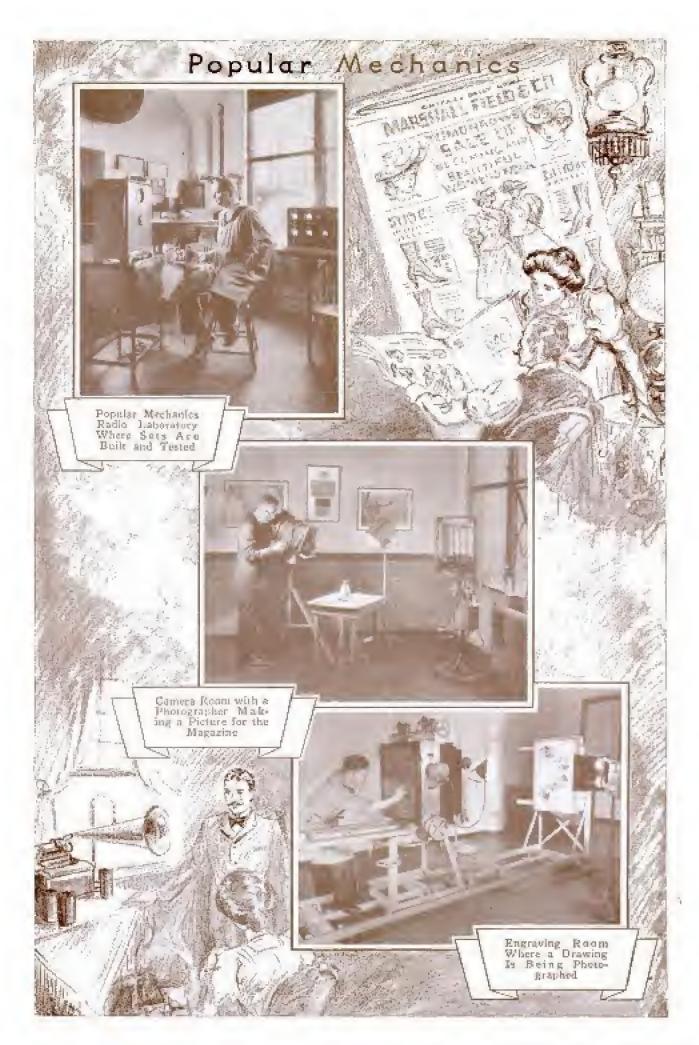
If, thirty years ago, we felt ourselves a full century ahead of 1872, we must now, in 1932, reckon ourselves a thousand years ahead of 1902. The auto, good roads, the celluloid films, airplanes, radio, have wrought more change in the life of man in these thirty years than did all the progress of the tens of thousands of years which preceded.

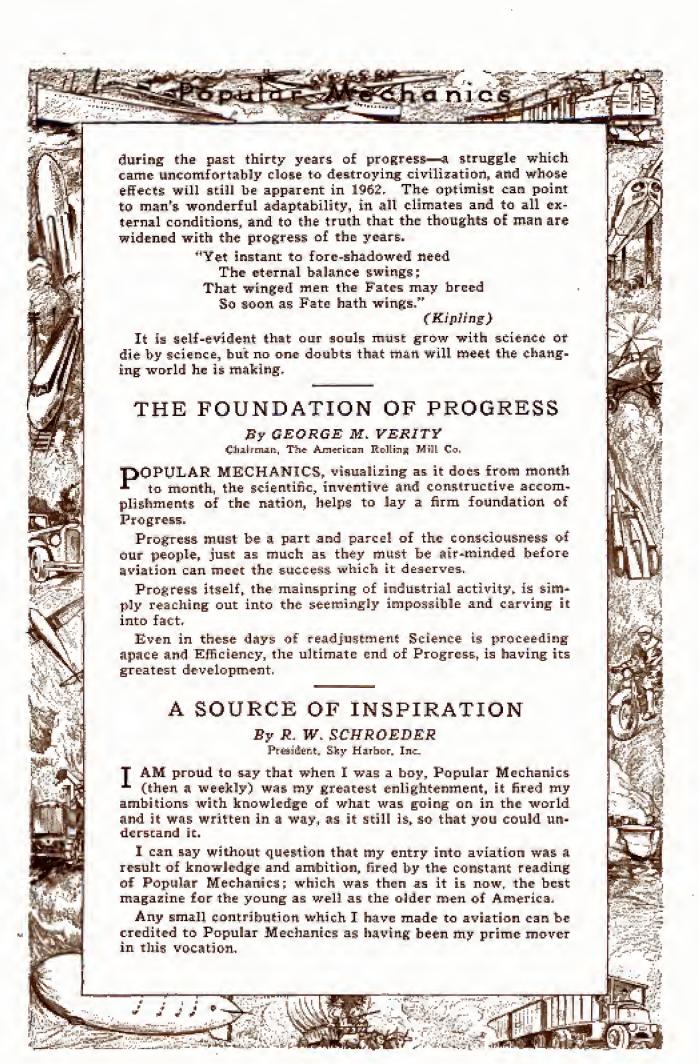
We are today living in the most wonderful age of history which has eventuated—yet. Chemistry is finding new worlds to conquer; physics has long since thrown away its old and final atom, and is starting afresh, with universes to subdue. Astronomy, formerly content with a cosmos perhaps thirty thousand light-years across, now talks of average Milky Ways at distances of hundreds of millions of years of light travel. Preventive medicine is constantly scoring wonderful triumphs, and many of the worst diseases are dying.

An even greater change may be noted between the scientific viewpoint of 1932, as compared with that of 1902—vital and far-reaching. The science of 1902 still felt that it was complete, inerrant, supreme. It was more than a little arrogant, autocratic, orthodox, intolerant. Today it is a more humble body of thought, as it has observed so many of its former inspired tenets go by the board, displaced by newer theories astounding in their wonder. Here and there it is even coming to admit that there may be more in this universe than mere matter and force. Science now feels itself just a youth—humble, receptive, eager for what the next few decades may bring.

And what of 1962 as it shall look back on 1932? Of one thing only can we be certain—that our present achievements will then seem as crude as those of 1902 now do to us. For 1962 will certainly be ten thousand years ahead of 1932 in scientific progress; no limit whatever can be set to that phase of man's development. Happy are those who are youngest among the back-numbers of 1932, in that they will live to see the wonders of 1962!

Will man continue to be fit to live in the new universe his brain is creating, or will he be crushed by his Frankenstein? We think and hope that man, who has been made by his tools, will continue to be their master. The pessimist, it is true, can point to the occurrence of the most destructive war of history







THE GROWTH OF ELECTRICITY

By HENRY KREISINGER

Combustion Engineering Corporation

THE last twenty-five years brought a marked development in the production and the use of electrical power. In the production of power both the size and the efficiency of the units have been greatly increased. Whereas twenty-five years ago a turbo generator of 6,000 kilowatt capacity was considered an exceptionally large unit, today units of 100,000 kilowatt capacity are common. In the same period the efficiency of turbo generators has about doubled.

Twenty-five years ago the generation of a kilowatt hour on twenty pounds of steam was considered very good performance. Today a kilowatt hour is generated on ten pounds of steam. It is interesting that at an engineering conference during the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia a boiler horsepower was defined as the generation of thirty pounds of steam, because this amount was required to produce a mechanical horsepower by the engine. At this rate of steam consumption a kilowatt hour would require about forty pounds of steam. That is, today we can generate about four times as much electrical power with a given amount of steam as was generated about fifty-five years ago.

The size and efficiency of the steam generating units as well as the working pressure have also greatly increased. Twentyfive years ago a boiler rated at 200 horsepower and generating approximately 6,000 pounds of steam per hour was considered a good size unit. The working pressure was about 100 pounds per square inch. The size of the unit has increased so that today one boiler unit generates over 1,000,000 pounds of steam per hour and is capable of supplying all the steam required for a turbo generator of 100,000 kilowatt capacity. The small boilers of twenty-five years ago were operated with an efficiency of about sixty per cent. Today the large steam generating units operate with an efficiency of eighty-five to ninety per cent. The working steam pressure has been also tremendously increased. There are a number of power plants operating with a pressure of 1,400 pounds per square inch, one plant with 1,800 pounds and one with 3,200 pounds pressure.

IDEALISM OF THE FUTURE

By DR. CALVIN W. RICE "

Secretary, The American Society of Mechanickl Engineers

THROUGHOUT the life of Popular Mechanics great technological progress has taken place. Even during the last few years of depression it has been steadily advancing.

I am confident that a distinct change for the better is taking

place in the thinking of the world and that significant improvements in many realms of engineering are to be developed. My basis for such belief is the increasing evidences of the universal creative impulse and the craving for the attainment of the satisfaction that comes in the exercise of skill. These are spiritual qualities and constitute an impressive denial of the assertion that the mechanized civilization is a menace to culture.

In the advance of civilization through the contributions of the engineer to the machine age, spiritual development has not been neglected. Materialism is not supreme; the creative impulse and the passion for excellence are still greater than the desire for gain and will be still more in evidence as time goes on.

The new George Washington bridge, with a span of 3,500 feet, or more than double the greatest span of any bridge existing four years ago, is an embodiment of the skill and creative energy of men. Those who accomplish such feats as the building of this bridge perform no less an act of service to their fellow men than did those who built the great cathedrals and are moved by the same idealism and devotion to their work.

LOOKING BACK AT 1902

By WALTER L. UPSON

Washington University

IT is an interesting coincidence that the life of the Popular Mechanics Magazine is coincident with the life history of most of the outstanding developments in engineering at the present day. If one is in a position to hark back over a period of thirty years, to the engineering of 1902, he will realize that the commonplaces of today were in the throes of birth at that time. A few examples will suffice.

In 1902 wireless telegraph signals were being transmitted from one room to the next and from one floor to another floor of the same building. The signals were detected by a newly developed instrument called the coherer.

In 1902 the first Curtis turbines were being designed and turbines of the Parsons type were only a few years older. These turbines were the forerunners of our great electric power plants of today.

In 1902 plans were being developed for the electrification of the New York Central and New York, New Haven and Hartford railroads. The former to be operated on direct current, the latter on single phase alternating current. These were at that time the great outstanding achievements in railroad electrification.

In 1902 it was nip and tuck between the electric and gasoline automobile with the steam car hovering near by. A ten horsepower gasoline car could not climb as steep a hill as a two

horsepower electric. What controversies raged over the respective merits of these competing types!

In 1902 if one were in just the right spot he might be a spectator in one of the first motion picture houses put in operation.

In 1902 artificial ice was being introduced to insure a product free from contamination for use in drinking water. This was in reality the forerunner of our modern electric refrigeration.

All of the above examples and many others could be cited to prove that modern life is in a sense thirty years old today. The past thirty years have witnessed many large developments and those who are intimately associated with the present trend have no hesitation in affirming that the coming thirty years will see an equally great advance.

KNOWLEDGE IS A NECESSITY

By JAMES W. WADE

Tintic Standard Mining Company

POPULAR MECHANICS serves a dual purpose. It entertains and it stimulates the mind. I enjoy the evening I spend once a month with it; I get ideas that in some form or other, I put into use. Your magazine relates in common English, the outstanding achievements in science and their application to every day life. To appreciate the comfort, convenience and luxury with which we are surrounded, we must have a knowledge of science. The greater our knowledge, the greater our appreciation.

The increased standard of living in America can only be maintained by reducing the unit cost of output. This means the increased use of power and machines per worker. In our industry, horsepower of energy produced by man working at shoveling costs \$460 per month; the same horsepower produced electrically and applied to the work by ingenious mechanical devices costs \$6—very nearly.

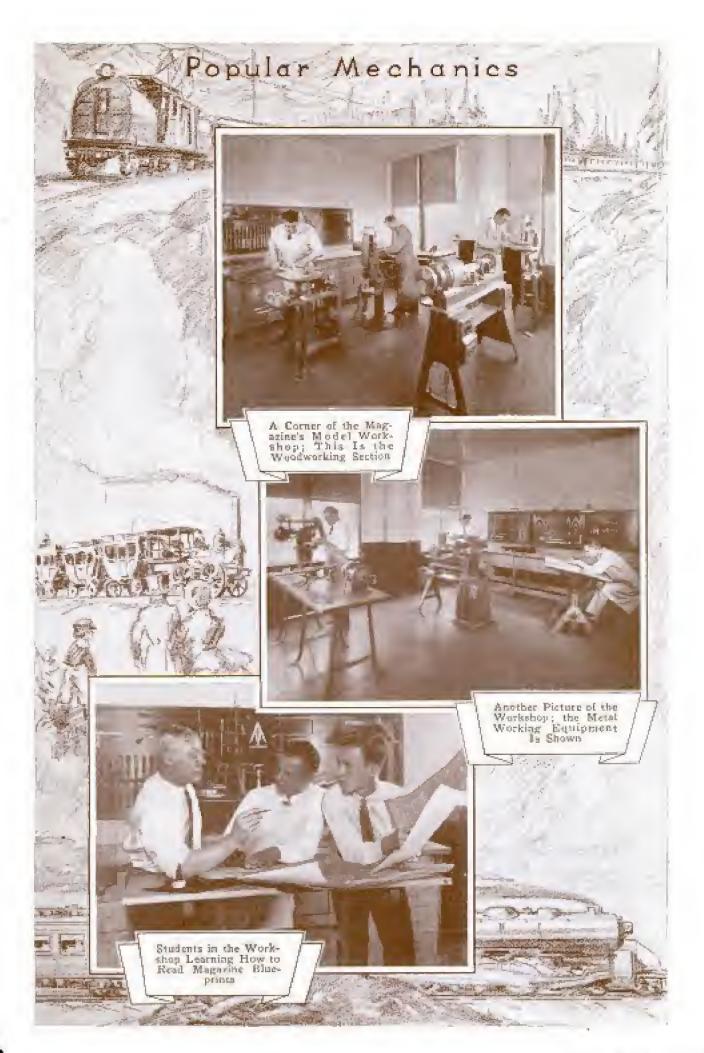
The problem that confronts management in the United States is the proper division of products of labor and capital equitably, in order that labor may consume its products and that capital may be induced to accumulate and invest in industry. On the accuracy and understanding with which this is done, much of the future happiness of the American family depends.

IN THE VAN OF PROGRESS

By ROGER W. BABSON

Noted Business Statistician

WE call this a machine age; actually we are only on the threshold of inventions and discoveries which in the years ahead will further revolutionize civilization and life. The establishment of Popular Mechanics thirty years ago when I was





a young man just out of Massachusetts Institute of Technology was the recognition by a forward looking editor of the need and trend of the times.

It is peculiarly fitting that your magazine should be established in America which, in the years that followed, has been in the van of world mechanical progress. I congratulate you on the thirtieth anniversary of your great publication, on the courage and vision shown, and on its achievements.

Looking ahead I can see that all phases of business and finance are to be increasingly dominated by invention and discovery, provided balanced by spiritual development. The field in which Popular Mechanics has done so much pioneer work is one which is destined to occupy a place of increasing importance to every business man, banker, investor, and, in fact, to every member of the intelligent public.

PROGRESS NEVER STOPS

By E. H. KITTREDGE

Hornblower & Weeks

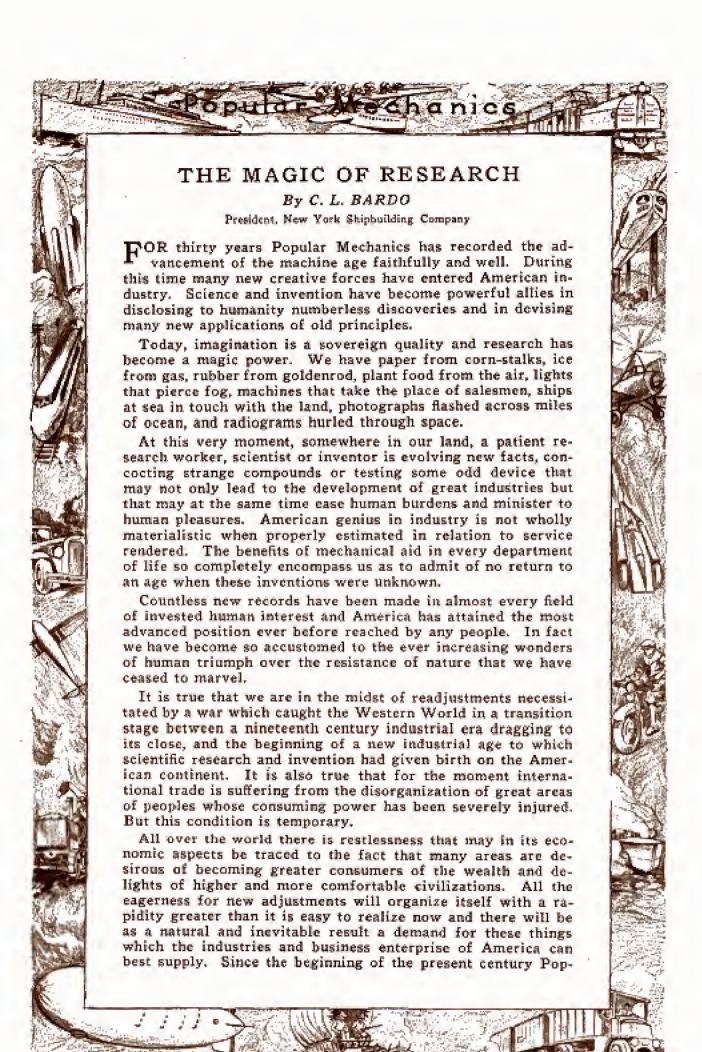
WHO can view what has been accomplished during the past thirty years in science, industry and the progress of humanity and still lack faith in what the future holds in store for those alert to the opportunities all around them. Progress knows no definite deterrent. It may seem to stand still at times but even such periods as the present, when viewed in retrospect, prove that the world moves forward with new inventions, scientific, medical and educational advancement, and though like the glacier it seems not to move, its progress is irresistible. It is not only a fair assumption, it may be said with certainty, that in the forthcoming thirty-year cycle Popular Mechanics will record just as many interesting accomplishments in all fields of endeavor as it has during the past. The trend of time and permanence is ever onward.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

By SILAS H. STRAWN

Chamber of Commerce of the United States

WE are living in an age when a knowledge of the sciences and of mechanics seems to be not only desirable but necessary to a successful career in any vocation. Any lawyer in general practice realizes the great advantage of even a superficial knowledge of mechanics and a more extensive knowledge of mechanical principles is a condition precedent to the success of a patent lawyer. The lucrative and permanent positions in almost every industry are available in these times only to those who have a well grounded technical education.





ular Mechanics has educated us concerning this moving record of progress and achievement. It is to be congratulated on thirty years of successful effort. And as we continue to read its pages we shall expect to absorb some of the zest and enthusiasm of those who are recording the continued progress in science and invention—a progress that is a promise of prosperity.

GREATEST OPPORTUNITY AHEAD

By WALTER KIDDE

Walter Kidde Constructors, Incorporated

WHILE Popular Mechanics has taken a leading place in the advancement of civilization and industry during the past thirty years, it seems to me that its greatest opportunity lies in the years just ahead. It is my firm belief that the way back to prosperity is going to come about through development and marketing of new devices, new methods and new thinking.

We are on the threshold of a new era that has been made possible by the pause in industry created by the depression of the past two years. This temporary slowing up of the wheels of progress has given us all time and the incentive to think out new ways of doing old things. I say again that out of this will come a fresh viewpoint that will once again launch us into another, and I trust, more extended period of advancement.

I am certain that Popular Mechanics will, as in the past, be one of the leaders for its editorial policy of the past fits well into this policy for the future.

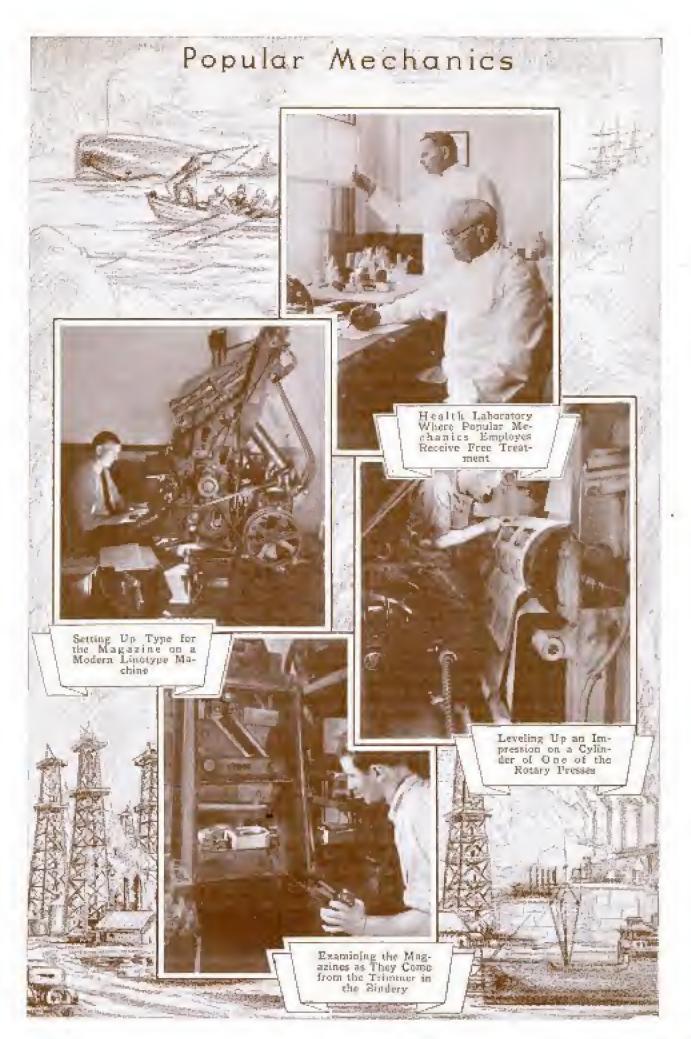
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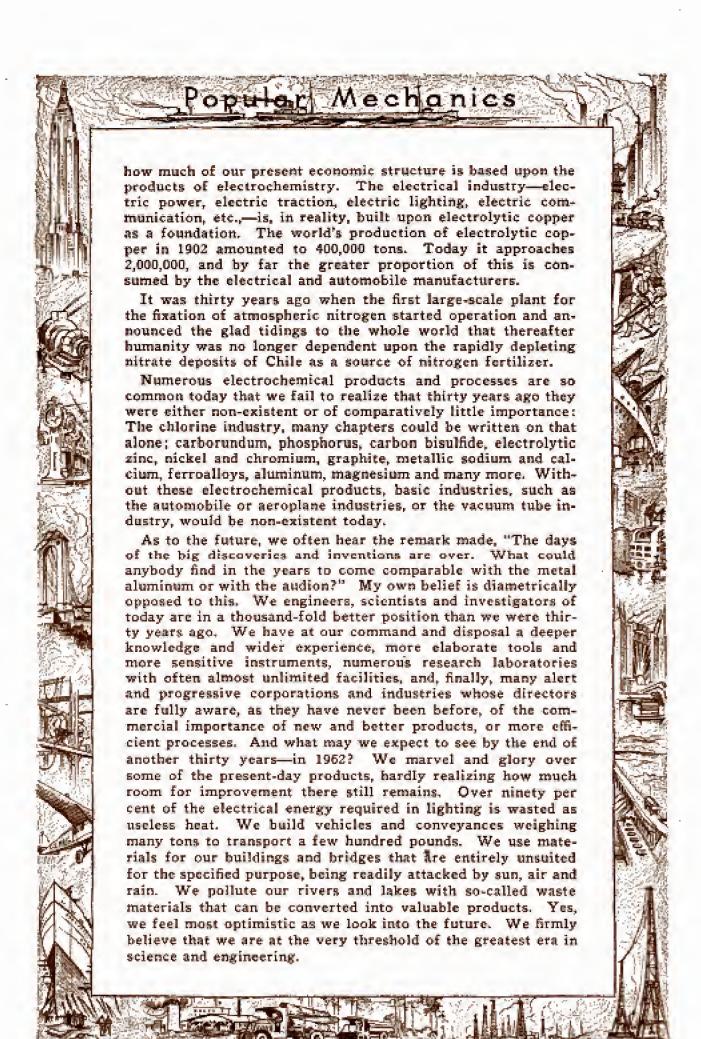
By COLIN G. FINK

Consulting Metallurgist and Research Engineer

THE year 1902 is a significant one in the American electrochemical industry. Although hydro-electric power at Niagara Falls became available in 1895, and although shortly afterward the commercial production of carborundum, calcium carbide, phosphorus and ferro-alloys was undertaken, it was not until 1902 that these and other electrochemical industries became thoroughly established and universally recognized.

Fully appreciative of the economic importance of commercially applied electrochemical and electrothermal reactions, a small group of chemists and engineers met at Philadelphia early in 1902 and founded the Electrochemical Society—an international organization which has contributed so largely to the progress and development of pure and applied electrochemistry. In that same year, 1902, the technical journal, "The Electrochemical Industry," was founded. Few of us stop to realize







"CENTURY OF PROGRESS"

By RUFUS C. DAWES

President, Century of Progress

IT is an interesting coincidence that Chicago received its charter just as the world was entering into what might be called the Age of Science. The period beginning about 1800 was one of great activity. It began with the discovery of the Voltaic cell, which was followed by the discovery of electrolysis and by the announcement of the wave theory of light; then came the discovery of the connection between electricity and magnetism, and the epoch-making announcement by Faraday in 1831 of the laws of electromagnetic induction.

In brief, these were the foundations upon which the Century of Progress we shall celebrate were established. The enormous increase in man's knowledge of nature's laws was accompanied by the realization that the forces of nature might be applied to the purposes of man. Prior to this time man had never made use of steam or electricity, and had only the most imperfect conception of chemical energies. By the use of all these forces, the living conditions of all men in all parts of the world have been materially modified. Science now profoundly affects us all, and those who work for the advancement of science, or for the explanation of science to the popular reader, are the ones who work most effectively for national wealth and for the comfort, as well as the enlightenment, of men.

AN EPOCH IN HISTORY

By WALTER DILL SCOTT

President, Northwestern University

THE last few decades constitute an epoch in the history of civilization. This epoch is not characterized by any single line of progress but at least one of the most outstanding aspects is the progress that has been made in the natural sciences.

The most profound discoveries have been those made in our universities' laboratories. During previous decades many such discoveries have been made in laboratories but they lay dormant for decades or even centuries. The steam engine was invented in the laboratory of the University of Glasgow by James Watt in 1769. But the locomotive did not become a practical reality and in general use until a half century had elapsed.

At the present time worth while inventions and discoveries are utilized immediately. Popular Mechanics is one of the most effective of all agencies in shortening the "lag-time" between the discovery of important scientific phenomena and their application to promoting the welfare of mankind.



THE "EYE" OF MILLIONS

By BARRON COLLIER

FOR thirty years Popular Mechanics Magazine has supplied the eye through which millions have watched the astounding progress of our scientific developments.

In addition, this magazine has constantly fanned the latent spark of inventiveness in thousands of minds, thus bringing to the world new inventors and new inventions without number.

That its great work may continue, is the wish of every earnest disciple of man's progress.

MAN'S LIFE BROADENED

By GEO. W. BURPEE

Consulting Engineer

THE thirty years during which Popular Mechanics has been published have, without doubt, witnessed greater progress in the application of science to human activity than any 100 years up to that time.

I believe that the application of science will continue at a rapidly accelerating rate in the future (even though it may be interrupted from time to time by periods of depression like that through which we are now passing) and that the public needs information about developments such as Popular Mechanics provides.

I cannot believe but that it is a waste of human life for men to do what machines can be made to do, and for that reason I feel confident that the future will witness more and more extensive use of mechanical appliances and the release of human beings from mechanical labor for purposes which we may not now clearly see but which we feel will result in greater intellectual and spiritual growth and, therefore, greater happiness.

In addition to the increase in leisure time made possible by mechanical means, man's whole life is broadened by increased facilities for travel and communications and growth of knowledge of the universe about us, and our great problem now is to adapt this increasing ease of living, possible only through the development of mechanical means, so as to increase the sum total of happiness.

UNLIMITED POWER

By LEE DEFOREST

THE past thirty years has seen radio, or wireless, grow from nothing to one of the most important factors in the daily life of mankind. Its science has been developed from the Maxwell and Hertz equations to many ponderous volumes of intricate mathematics and involved theories.

These three decades have witnessed our first actual acquaint-

ance with the electron, and a knowledge of its basic importance in almost every branch of science, an awakening realization of its gigantic possibilities in industry.

In the field of electricity this period has been especially marked by the development of the electron tube which, more than any other instrumentality, has made possible our most significant researches in physics, as well as the entire industry of radio and long-distance communication. It has greatly enlarged the horizons of man's thoughts, and the scope of his living.

Yet these thirty years, magnificent as they have been in achievement and progress, are but a promise of what the remainder of the century may witness in the ascent of man from the dark depths of the past.

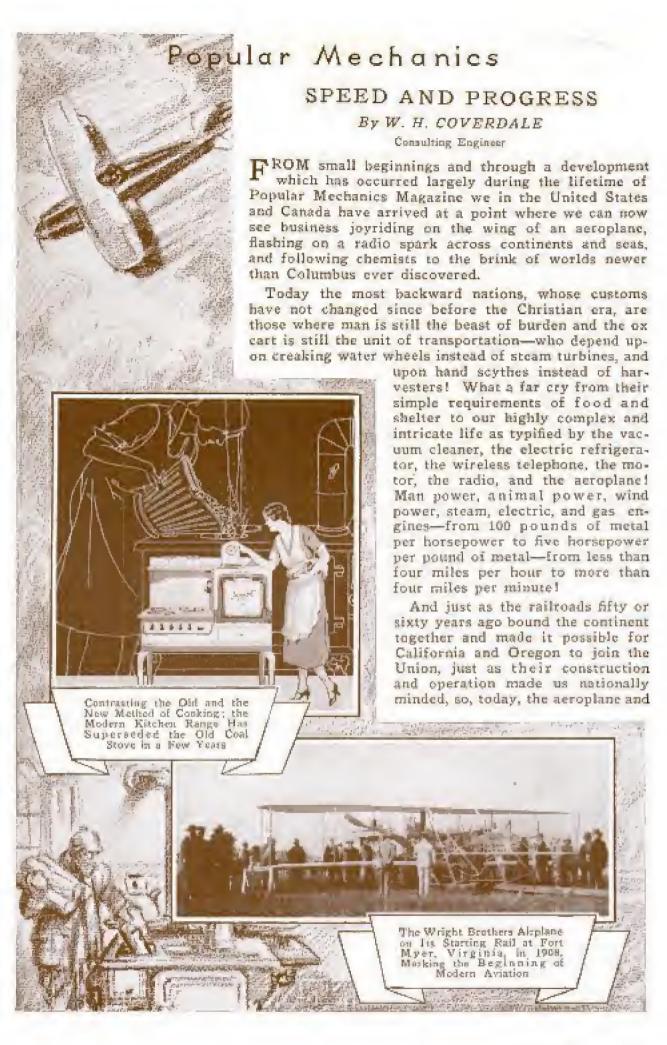
Now begins the search for new sources of power, unlimited in volume, and at costs so low that freedom from heat and cold, hunger or numbing fatigue, leisure for thought, a realization of the best in life and living, will become the heritage and right of every man.

It is a safe statement to make that of all the people interested and active in aviation today at least ninety per cent have at one time or another been ardent and earnest readers of Popular Mechanics Magazine and that aviation owes your magazine a very real and sincere vote of gratitude for all it has done during the past thirty years to record and express in a popular way to a tremendous group of people the various developments and advancement that have been made in aeronautics.—Porter Adams, National Aeronautical Ass'n.

The last thirty years have achieved the work of centuries in the freeing of man's spirit and in his conquest of material forces. Popular Mechanics has recorded this great history with extraordinary fullness and fascination. It has had an enormous influence in waking and keeping alive the interest of multitudes in the development of human power in numberless ways, great and small.—Rupert Hughes,

Popular Mechanics during the thirty years of its existence has performed a worthy public service by giving to the people in popular form an account of the outstanding inventions, developments and scientific discoveries which have brought to all nations manifold benefits whereby burdens have been lightened and comforts for homes and communities have been distributed. —C. F. Bailey, Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

There could have been no finer record of the progress and achievement of this country than your magazine. I have known it since its first issue and I had the very great privilege of knowing the founder and from talking with him of knowing some of his aims in the publication. No magazine founded on the principles which he had in mind could have done other than be the success that your magazine is.—Ray Long.

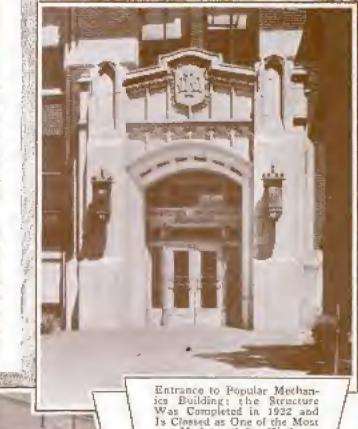


wireless telegraphy by their further annihilation of distance and time, are making us internationally minded our isolation is a thing of the past; we are quickened with a new activity, a new life; and we must broaden the scope of our mental view to meet the new conditions as quickly as air speed broadens our geographical horizons.

Everywhere the old barriers between nations which caused diversity of interests are being torn down by faster communications which produce community of interests. The old Biblical question, "Who is my neighbor?" can no longer be answered with only a local

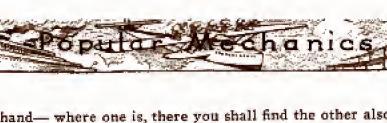
meaning, because air travel has made New York and San Francisco as neighborly today as New York and Philadelphia were a couple of generations ago; and it is not too much to say that the further progress in the science and practice of air talk and air travel which reasonably may be expected in the next few decades will make neighbors of all human inhabitants on this earth, and will contribute more to our knowledge of the inhabitants of other planets than all previous conquests of mind over matter which history records.

The events of the last thirty years since Popular Mechanics Magazine was first conceived in the mind of its founder, bear out, as never before, the tradition that the history of the world's advancement is the history of the science of communication. Speed and progress go hand



Modern of Its Kind

A Modern Steam Turbine Plant; Such Sources of Power Have Come as a Development of the Past Thirty Years with the Growth of Industry



in hand— where one is, there you shall find the other also. The wise Lord Bacon told Queen Elizabeth that a nation required but three things to make it great and prosperous, namely, a fertile soil; busy worshops, and easy conveyance of men and commodities from place to place; and the historical Macauley wrote, "Of all inventions, the alphabet and the printing press alone excepted, those inventions which abridge distance have done the most for civilization."

The crude "horseless carriage" of thirty years ago—regarded principally as a plaything of the rich—has become a highly perfected piece of transportation, utilized by almost every family in the country. Greater strides than ever before have been made in conquering disease and in alleviating suffering and in countless ways we are constantly served by the products of modern science. The next thirty years will witness advances even more amazing than the wonderful accomplishments of the past three decades.

-F. H. Payne, Assistant Secretary of War.

I recall with what pleasure I read Popular Mechanics in the early years of its career. I have been a constant reader ever since and would not wish to miss an issue, even though I am a subscriber to several highly technical journals in chemical engineering and related subjects.

-W. D. Turner, Columbia University.

Throughout the three decades of the twentieth century through which we have passed, an era preeminent in history for mechanical, scientific, and educational advancement, Popular Mechanics has kept the record of inventional attainment.

-Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York.

Not the least wonderful thing that has happened in those thirty years, in my opinion, has been the all-around success of Popular Mechanics Magazine. It has been more than an interesting record; it has been an inspiration to its thousands upon thousands of readers.—Senator Arthur Capper.

As a faithful and intelligent interpreter of the march of science, Popular Mechanics for thirty years has stimulated the inventive genius of the average American and encouraged his study and research along scientific lines.

-Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War.

Popular Mechanics Magazine has not only served in disseminating information regarding the progress of science during the most remarkable period of its development, but has been a stimulant to greater achievement.—Senator J. T. Robinson.

Popular Mechanics is the one magazine that symbolizes the age in which we live.—Lowell Thomas.

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Wingless Aircraft to Fly with "Rotor Planes"



Left, Rotors of the Wingless Plane; Note Construction of Pockets in Rotor Surfaces Which Eliminate the Drag by Throwing the Air behind in Typical Slip Stream

Working months in a secret laboratory, two New York engineers have completed a wingless aircraft, the invention of a Pacific coast designer. The plane uses a modified form of rotor for lifting surfaces and is driven by three engines. One power plant provides the propulsion, while two check until the band began playing and smaller ones drive the lifting rotors on their planes went into the air, the right and left of the fuselage. The minimized, first, by the double-conical shape of the modified types and, second. [] by pockets formed in the conical skins to catch the air as they revolve and throw it backward with great force. Fuselage and tail control surfaces are conventional in form. The rotors can be turned at different speeds for lateral control.

LIVES SAVED BY GIANT VOICES IN PUBLIC-ADDRESS SYSTEM

Giant voices' from public-address systems have prevented crowd panics and Practically all waste will be gripped and saved lives when the announcers remained removed easily. cool-headed at crucial moments. Roaring through a loud speaker, an official stopped a stampede of 50,000 people when a grandstand collapsed during the Belgium-Hol-Western Electric Co. 50 Church Sh.

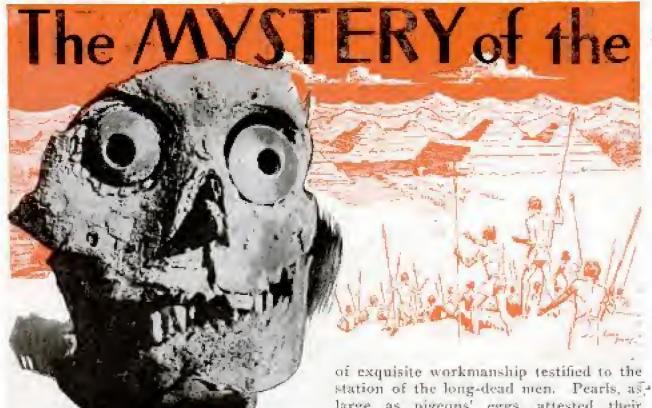
land Rugby match in Europe. "Speed" Holman, American flyer, fell to his death before 20,000 spectators, an announcer, Jim Ewing, thundered at the crowd through a Western Electric publicaddress system, holding the spectators in

heavy drag of previous types of rotors is CLOGGED DRAIN PIPES CLEANED BY TURNING A CRANK

> R Clogged drains scan be cleared by turning the crank handle of a cleaner now on the market. A springsteel cable connects the crank' and cleaner head so that the cleaner will follow bends in drain pipes,

■Water-power plants increased their capacity by nearly 700,000 horsepower in 1931.

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One of Finds in the Tomb, a Skull Decorated with Carved Seashells Plugged into Eye Sockets

By JOHN F. COGGSWELL

LONG-BURIED treasure, dazzling in its splendor and worth a king's ransom, has been recovered from one of Mexico's lost cities, built centuries ago by the earth's most mysterious people.

Two years ago, a Mexican expedition, under the leadership of Alfonso Casco, a government archæologist, started excavating and reconstructing the ancient ceremonial city of Monte Alban, located near the modern city of Oaxaca. Recently they reached the end of a long passage, termi-

nating in a scaled tomb, far below the floor of a temple,

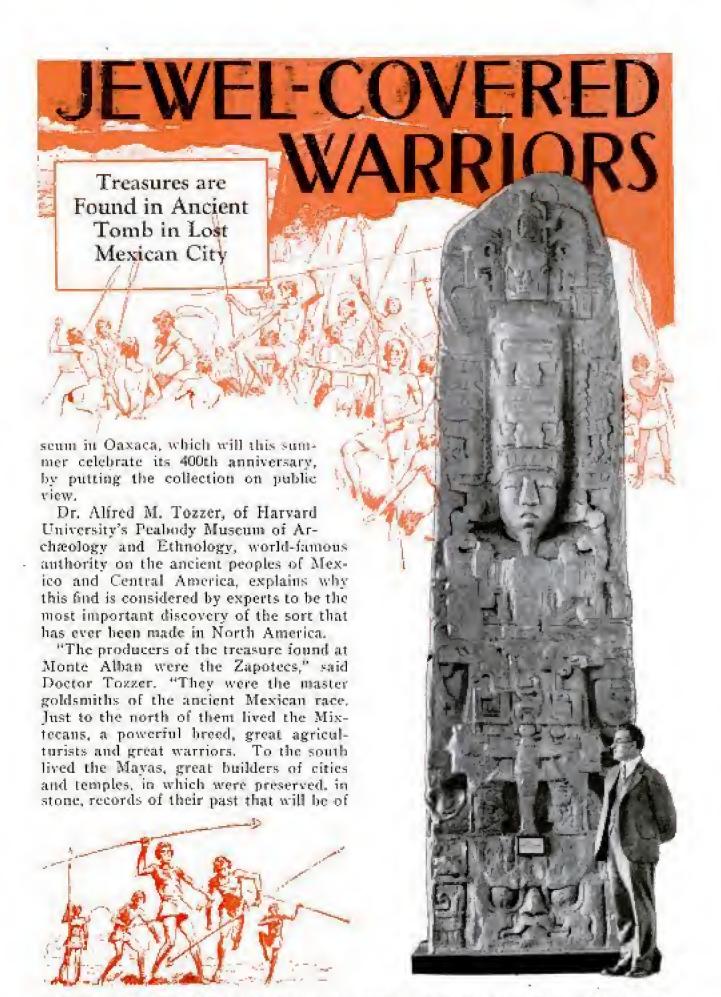
Breaking into the sepulcher, their lights revealed a breath-taking sight. On the floor lay the mummies of ten warriors, or feudal chiefs. Over the mummies was strewn a glittering pile; they were literally buried in gold, silver, costly gems and semi-precious stones. Ten heavy, solid-gold crowns large as pigeons' eggs, attested their wealth as leaders in a vanished civilization.

Golden ornaments of every description -rings, necklaces, chains, earrings, masks, incense burners, basins and plates-littered the floor of the tomb. Jade, the pride of antique collectors, was there in abundance. Glistening baubles of amethyst and rock crystal gave back the rays of the searchers' lights. Watching over the rich pile, stood a great eagle modeled in solid gold and holding a silver chain in its beak.

The entire treasure-estimated by Senor Casco at over \$1,000,000 and said by experts to equal in value and importance the entombed wealth of the Egyptian king Tutankhamen, which was unearthed several years ago-will be placed in a mu-



Incense Burners in Form of Gods, Carved by Agrient Sculptors



Close-Up of Mexican Monolith, Elaborately Carved; behind It Lay a Sacrificial Altar upon Which Human Offerings Were Made to the Gods of the First Settlers of America



Top. View of the Great Steps and Platform, Probably the Accopolis of the Ancient City; Below, Jace Jace Made by the Skilled Artisans

great importance when they are fully understood. The history of these three great people were intertwined.

"We have long known that any important find, such as that at Monte Alban, would probably come out of the tomb of an ancient leader, for it has been established that the burial customs of the ancient Mexicans demanded that a leader's wealth be buried with him; they believed that the spirits of the dead returned and decked themselves in the clothing and ornaments that they had worn in life,

"As a further basis of our expectations, we have the accounts and detailed descriptions, by the Spanish invaders, of the loot that they sent back to Spain. Many old historical manuscripts contain illustrations in color of the handiwork of the native Mexicans. Furthermore, many exca-

up small collections of ancient Mexican materials, but, aside from the Mayan discoveries, this recent one is the first find

of sufficient size to promise to divulge really important information.

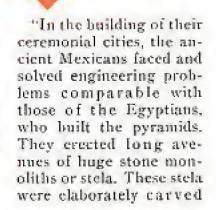
"Of course, the civilization in pre-Columbian Mexico was of a date much more recent than that of ancient Egypt. Some of the ruins and the jade and stone ornaments and carvings date, we believe, back to the year 500 A. D. The works in gold are still later, dating, probably, to the early thirteenth century.

"The so-called lost city of Monte Alban really wasn't a city at all in the modern sense of the term, nor can it rightly be called a 'lost' city. It was not a dwelling place of the natives, but rather a place for religious ceremonies, inhabited only by the high priests and their assistants, and for the burial of the dead of high degree. The existence and locations of such places have been known for a century and more,

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so they were hardly lost, although they were abandoned for many years before their locations were learned. It is probable that they were abandoned at the time of the invasion to save them from desecration by the Spaniards.

"Monte Alban is located within five miles of the city of Oaxaca, through which is operated a line of railroad; it is rather hard to imagine a city being lost within five miles of a railroad station. However, the mission that made the recent find is



the first to undertake serious attempts to unravel the mysteries buried in the ancient ceremonial cities.

"The building of Monte Alban must have been a long and involved task. Then, its location was far from any large settlement and in the midst of high mountain peaks. In fact, Monte Alban is on top of a high mountain. To build their temples, the Zapotecs leveled off the top of the mountain until they had an immense plaza,

about a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide. Down the center and on the sides and ends of this plaza, they built their temples, in pyramidal form, of stone and earth, with great chambers inside and tombs below. There were wide, level courts and long terraces. The layout gives evidence of careful advance planning.



Top, Ceremonial Dagger; Left, Drawing of Entrance to Tombs; Bottom, Some of the Carvings

and were of one single piece. Some of them were eighteen feet high and weighed over twenty tons; their erection must have been a big problem for people with no machinery—but erect them they did.

"The Monte Alban find is likely to prove of extraordinary importance in learning the past of a wonderful people." 266 drw. Andrew Isood 534 Junea Collego PULAR MECHANICS



KEYBOARD FITTED ON LINOTYPE **WORKS LIKE TYPEWRITER**

a linotype machine fitted with a typewrit- automobiles, is quickly and easily installed, er keyboard. All the intricate series of and since it is bolted also to the frame of capital letters, lower-case letters and small the car causes no strain on the dash. It capital letters, lower-case letters and small the car, causes no strain on the dash. It capitals, and even the auxiliary letter key- is sufficiently strong to bear a man's board on either linetype or intertype may weight. chines are operated from the single typist keyboard. The long period of training necessary in learning to operate the linotype, machine is eliminated by the ease of operation with the simplified keyboard, its inventor claims. The "typowriter" is operated by electricity and may be installed 📬 in a few moments without making any 🦭 changes in the typesetting machine. A California instructor in printing spent five... years in perfecting the device.

SKIN GOOD RADIATOR OF HEAT AND BUT POOR CONDUCTOR

As an insulator against radiated heat, 🔻 the human skin is almost a perfect agency, 🍒 while the body itself makes an excellent; heat-producer and the outer covering serves as a radiator. This information has resulted from a study conducted at the

Smithsonian Institution in connection with problems in the heating and ventilated ing of schoolrooms and similar places. After measurements had been taken of the ?! heat radiated by a number of human subjects, it was suspected that all the heat, might not be radiating from the skin surface, but that some might be coming directly through it. Tests on excised skin; however, showed that it would almost completely stop heat waves. It appeared therefore, that the heat from the interior of the body must be transmitted to the skin through the medium of the circulating blood and then radiated from its surface after the skin has become sufficiently warm. The studies have considerable practical value in the spacing of occupants of halls or schoolrooms for maximum heating efficiency,

1-135 TOOL BOX UNDER AUTO'S HOOD SWINGS OUT FROM DASH

Double automatic locking is provided Typesetting Machine, Fitted with a Typewriter of a tool box that swings from the dash Keyboard, Makes Work Easier for Operator under the board of the local of th is provided on the inside of the dash and a second lock acts as soon as the box is Greater ease of operation is claimed for signed to 6t most a soun as the box is linetyne machine 6tters. signed to fit most of the popular-priced

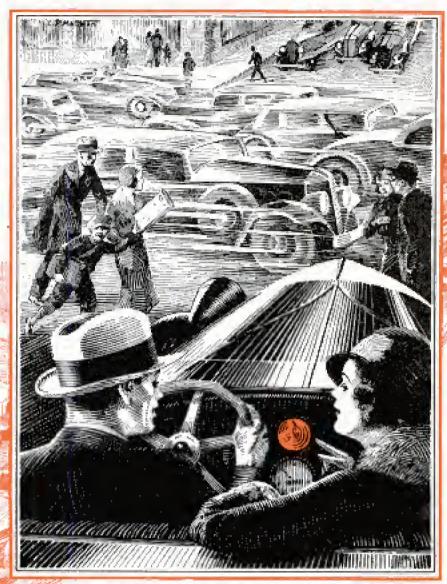


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Stop-and-Go Lights on Dash to Control Autos

Driving through the crowded streets of the future, autoists will stop, wait for cross traffic to clear. then start again without the aid of today's signal post on the corner. Stop-and-go. light signals, installed on the automobile dash, will control tomorrow's traffic, a glance at his instru-



Artist's Drawing of Traffic Conditions of the Future Shows Red Signal on Dash; Note Today's Signal Post at Left

cars on those streets to move,

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ments showing the driver whether the way is open long before he reaches the next street intersection. That is the picture drawn at the American Institute's annual meeting by O. H. Caldwell, magazine editor, in a prediction of a new application of the vacuum tube. Such a system of auto-traffic control is not far distant, for modérn railroads already are able to signal engineers by flashing lights in locomotives as the train speeds along. For automobiles, this can be accomplished by laying a high-frequency cable along the curb. As long as this cable from traffic headquarters is energized, a detector tube on the auto dash will keep the green lamp lighted, indicating "go ahead." When cross

Details of experiments in a German technical school are reflected on a large screen by a projector called the "epidiascope" so that more students can see the work. The projector is used to picture work in laboratories so that the experi

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traffic is to pass, the cable would be switched off, all dashboard lights chang-

ing from green to red as the detector tube

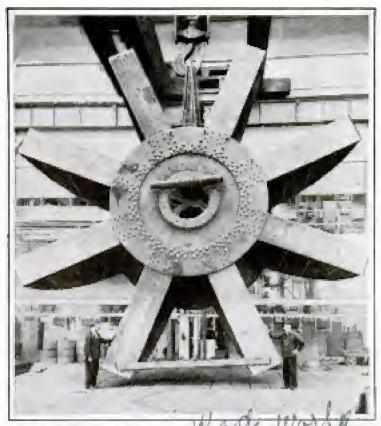
"stop" signal. Meanwhile, cables on cross

streets would be switched on, signaling.

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PROJECTOR GIVES CLEAR VIEW



Workmen Turning Over the Glant Hub of Water-Wheel G erator with Aid of Crane; It Weighs Ninety-Two Tons

RUSSIAN "SPIDER" TO CONVERT WATER INTO POWER

Termed the "spider" by the men who built it, a giant bearing bracket, weighing ninety-two tons, has been completed by the General Electric company for a Soviet power plant. The huge hub and spokes will be part of a water-wheel generator which the company is building for the Russian hydroelectric plant on the Dnieper river.

WHEN FREIGHT IS MISHANDLED 193 SHOWN BY RECORDER

Designed for detecting the time and place of rough handling of freight shipments, a new type of impact recorder has been developed and found to have many more uses, including the effect of weather and air pockets in air transport. It also is employed in taxicabs, autos, Pullman cars, busses, mail cars, motorcycles, highway trucks and for express shipments. The difference between the various types lies principally in the timing—the speed with which a paper tape unrolls under a vibrating pencil or pen. In the center of the paper tape are the figures indicat-

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ing the minutes of the hour, and crosswise are graduations showing the speed at which the vehicle, be it train, car or airplane, travels when the bump occurs. It is expected the speed-recording feature will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage claims. The recorder is fastened in the vehicle and sealed. At the end of the trip, the tape is removed and the whole history of all bumps or shocks during the trip is made plain,

ELECTRIC FAN ALSO IS SAFER TO USE

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Electric-fan blades without noise or vibration were demonstrated recently by Prof. W. L. Upson, of the Washington University school of engineering, who declares the blades are much safer to use than the ordinary kind, They are shaped somewhat like a palette or flattened tadpole, this pattern per-

mitting the tip to strike the air at the lowest velocity instead of at high velocity as with the ordinary fan. This motion, it is claimed, gives the air constant acceleration until it leaves the tip of the blade in a continuous stream. The blade has a tendency to push away the hand or other object brought in contact with it.



Electric Fan with Palette Shaped Blades Which Make

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POPULAR MECHANICS POPULAR MECHANICS Here's What Speed of Mile a Minute Means



An Auto Traveling Sixty Miles an Hour Has the Same Capacity of Indicting Damage That It Would Have if Driven off Top of Ten-Story Building, 120 Feet High

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Feathering of Blades Increases Gyro's Speed



Gyroplane with Feathered Rotor Blades in Flight, Upper Right, and on Ground, Lower Left; Rigid Construction of Rotor, Improving Control, Is Pictured at Upper Left and Lower Right

Control of the autogyro at low speeds has been improved by designing the rotor blades like a feather and by joining opposite blades rigidly. A gyroplane equipped with feather blades has been found easier to handle at speeds where normal airplane controls are useless. Less danger of breakage of rotor blades is gained through rigid structure and inner connection of oppo-

site blades. This method of construction allows the centrifugal forces of the blades to oppose each other so that the balance of the rotor, or "windmill," on top of the plane is a simple matter. Speed of rotation of the blades can be increased. The feathered blades have grooves or creases on the underside to improve their lifting capacity.

HEAVY CLOTHING AIDS HEARING

Sound waves are absorbed by heavy clothing, making it easier for orators to be heard by men audiences than women. Dr. Paul R. Heyl, of the bureau of standards, has found that silks and chiffons worn by women reflect sound waves and

result in vibrations "treading on each other's heels." and interfering with the hearing capacity of the audience. Experiments in a soundproof vault fitted with one window, which was opened to test absorption of sound by various materials, showed that a woman dressed in typical garb absorbed 2.3 as much sound per square foot as the open window. With

her coat on, four times as much sound was absorbed. A man without his overcoat absorbed 4.1 as much, and with the overcoat, 4.8 as much. A mixed audience seated on cane-bottom chairs absorbed 3.2 as much sound, while on heavily padded theater chairs the absorption was 3.9. The tests also showed that rectangular rooms provide the best acoustics.

TRAP NESTS GIVE PEDIGREED EGGS 6-210

Eggs that are numbered for breeding are being used to produce better chickens. A battery of nests, constructed like traps, aids in the selection of eggs. When a hen has entered one of the nests and laid, she and the egg are taken out, and

the number on her leg band is placed on the egg. In this way, eggs of a known pedigree are obtained for setting purposes, and strains of fowls with qualities



Nests That Trap the Hens Are Used in Producing Better Chickens

the breeder can guarantee, such as high egg-laying ability, may be produced.

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Member of Oxford Rowing Crew Watching Himself in a Mirror as He Rows; in This Way He Observes His Mistakes and Acquires Correct Form

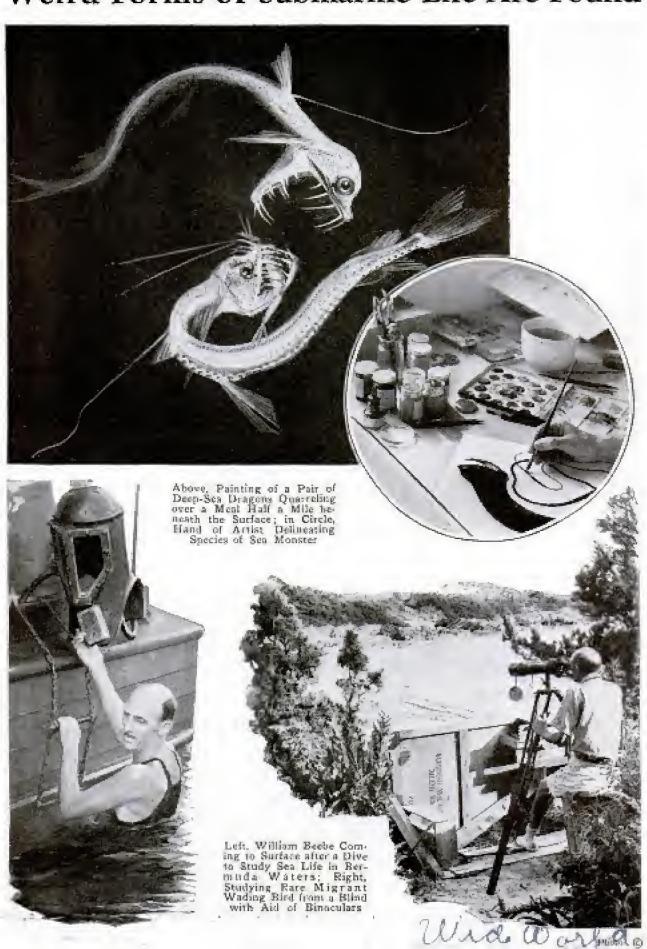
MIRROR HELPS ROWING CREW TO ACQUIRE FORM

Members of the rowing crew at Oxford practice their strokes in front of a mirror, not because they are vain, but to improve their form. The oarsman sits in a boat facing a long mirror and watches his motions as he pulls on the oars. In this manner mistakes are observed by the person making them, and he also sees when he has corrected his errors.

TO PREVENT SLIPPING (3. 3/7

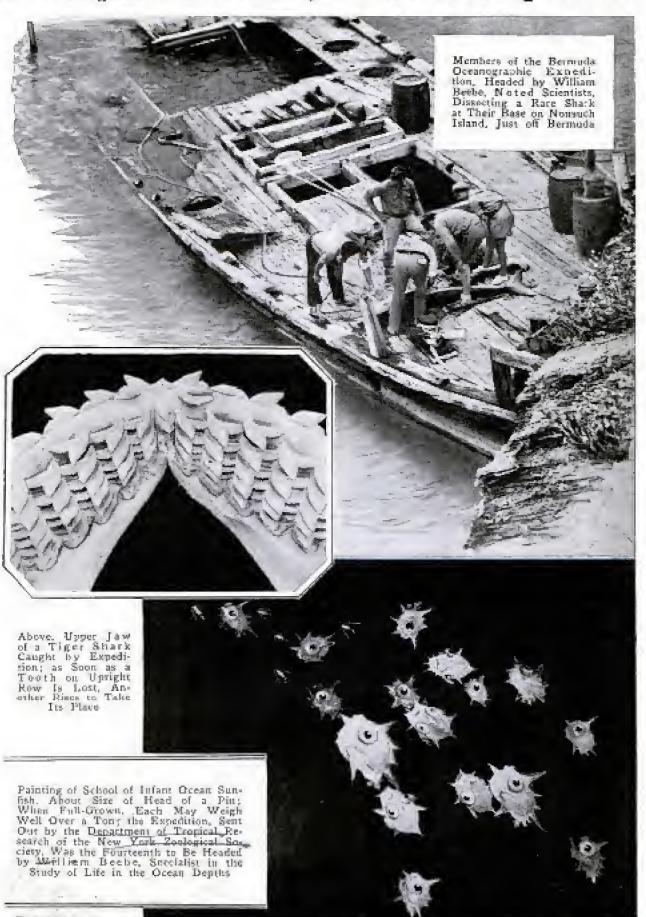
To prevent slipping on highly polished floors, a safety rug now on the market is manufactured with a sponge-rubber base. There have been many accidents to bathers who switch on electric lights while standing on a damp floor. This rug, with its rubber back, prevents such an occurrence. The ease with which it may be reconditioned by washing under normal laundry conditions is another feature adding to its value.

Weird Forms of Submarine Life Are Found



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Sliding Down a Snowless Chute on Wooden Blocks, Novices Learn to Ski Indoors; Instructor Is Shown on Slide in a Berlin Gymnasium

SKIING IS TAUGHT INDOORS ON SNOWLESS CHUTE

How to ski is being taught indoors on a snowless chute by a Berlin instructor. The slide and skis, which are short sticks of wood, are planed smooth so that the students may glide rapidly down the chute for their jump.

TEETH OF ROAD MACHINES LAST LONGER IF HARD-COATED

Strengthened by a thin, hard metal coating, cutting surfaces of road machines how last much longer and may be used

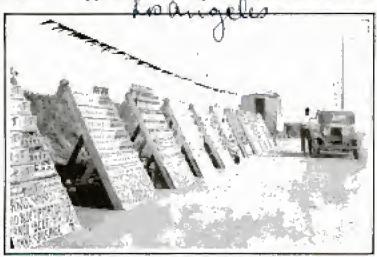
without the frequent sharpening once necessary. The teeth on a road scarifier used on heavy oilcaked surfaces in California had to be sharpened about every mile 🕽 and a half, and after fifteen miles, must be replaced. Properly surfaced with hard metal, these teeth are good for sixty to seventy-five miles without sharpening. same thing applies to blades of road graders. A sixty-mile stretch of road would require four ordinary blades, but one blade, hardsurfaced, can do more than sixty miles' work without resharpen-Cont Francis Westbrook R. 1010, esraybar Bldg

ing. The coating is applied by welding, which increases the life of machine parts many times. In reducing the wear on agricultural implements, hard-surfacing has been successful. Mowing-machine and corn-planter shoes are protected against excessive wear. Plowshares are peculiarly subject to abrasive wear, especially in certain soils. On a ranch in California, the shares frequently had to be resharpened after only a few hours of plowing. When the upper edge was hard-surfaced, the shares could be used for weeks without attention to sharpening. Because the hard-surfacing met-

als and alloys have little clasticity, they should not be applied to steel that is too duetile, or they will tend to pull apart.

FOLDING RACKS SHOW WARES OF ROADSIDE GROCERY

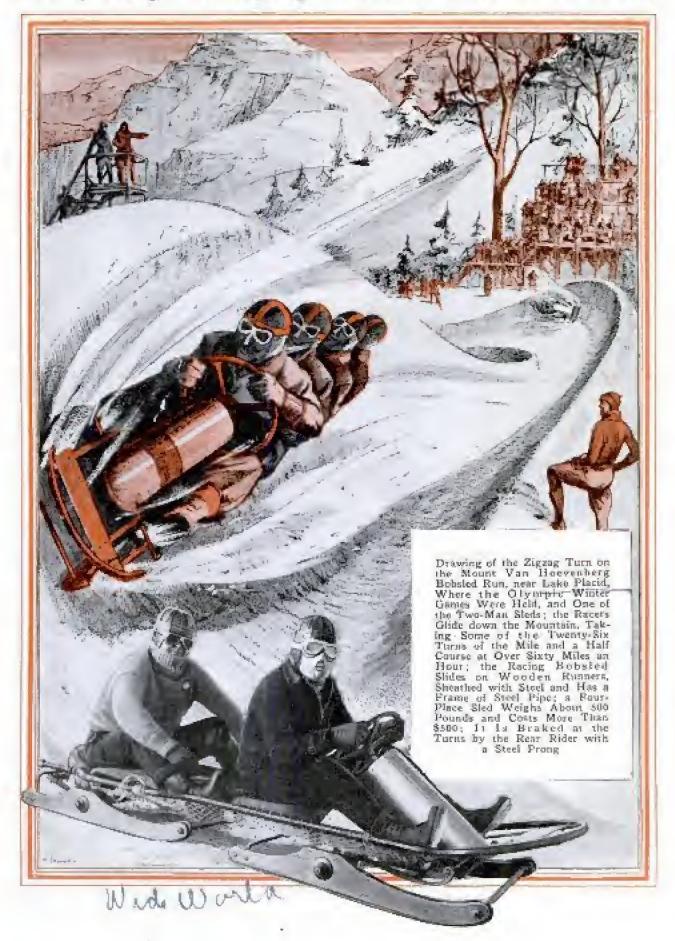
Roadside grocery stores are making their appearance in California, where all kinds of canned and package goods are displayed on folding racks along the highways to attract the passing public. A large car trailer is equipped with cating and sleeping accommodations for the traveling storekeeper and also holds the extra supplies. The only fee is a dealer's license.



Roadside Grocery Store with Canned and Package Goods Displayed on Racks Where Passers By Will Notice Them

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Rounding the Zigzag Turn of a Bobsled Run



PLASTER MODEL WHITE HOUSE TWO YEARS IN MAKING



Complete in every detail, windows, landscaping and architectural decorations, a model White House made of plaster was constructed for exhibition at the George Washington bicentennial celebration. Jacob A. Toussounian, world war veteran, spent two years on the model.

IS OUR CLIMATE CHANGING?

Whether the abnormally warm winters of the past two years presage a real change. in climate is something that will not be known for another century. This country, however, has known genuine changes of climate, winters so severe for hundreds of centuries that ice piled up half a mile thick as far south as the Ohio river. The conditions necessary to produce an ice age again were described recently by Prof. J. Harlen Bretz, of the University of Chicágo. To get glaciation started, he explained, most of the precipitation must be in the form of snow, the summers being so short and cool that not all of the preceding winter's snow is melted. Thus the snow piles up and packs down year after

year. What occurs today in mountain glaciers may be presumed to have occurred on a grand scale in the ice age,-but what started the long chill is still a mystery. However, it is known that the climatic change which causes the ice age was an interruption, because fossil records show that animals and plants living before the glaciation in the northern half of what is now the United States were temperate-climate forms. The growth of the ice sheet was slow, probably only a mile in twenty years, so generations came and went during the refrigeration, and even plants had the opportunity to migrate southward. As the arctic climate progressed, many forms of life moved southward, where some gradually became extinct while others adapted themselves to the change, although some animal forms made the 2,000-mile trip south, then moved back as the ice melted.

BIG AUTO SERVES AS MARQUEE FOR FILLING STATION

One Minneapolis service station advertises its business by means of its marquee which has been constructed to resemble a giant automobile, elevated for a grease job. The wheels and supports are of brick and the imitation car serves as a second-story porch for the building.



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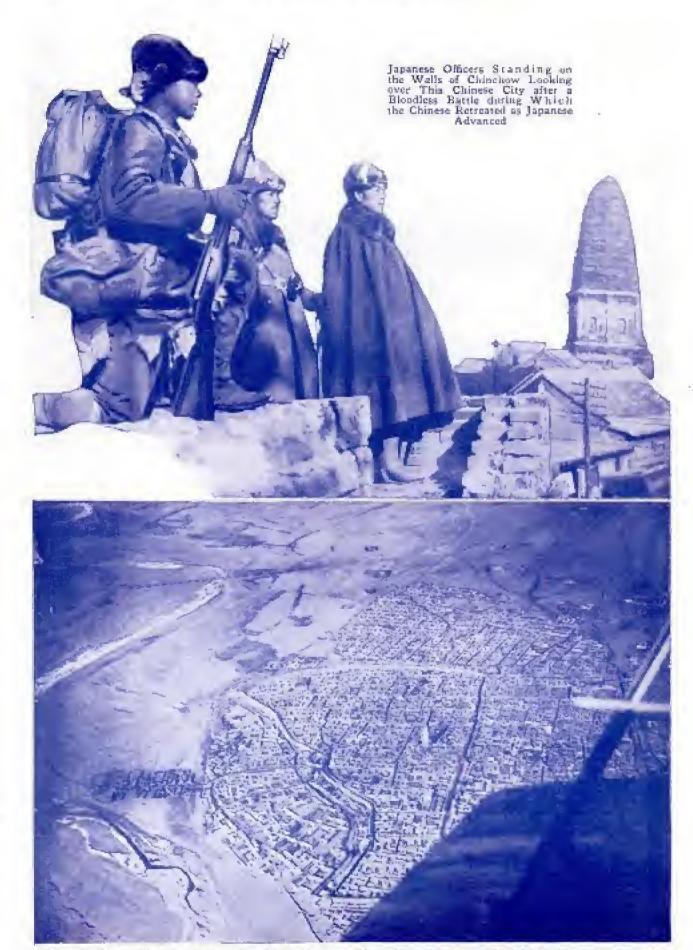
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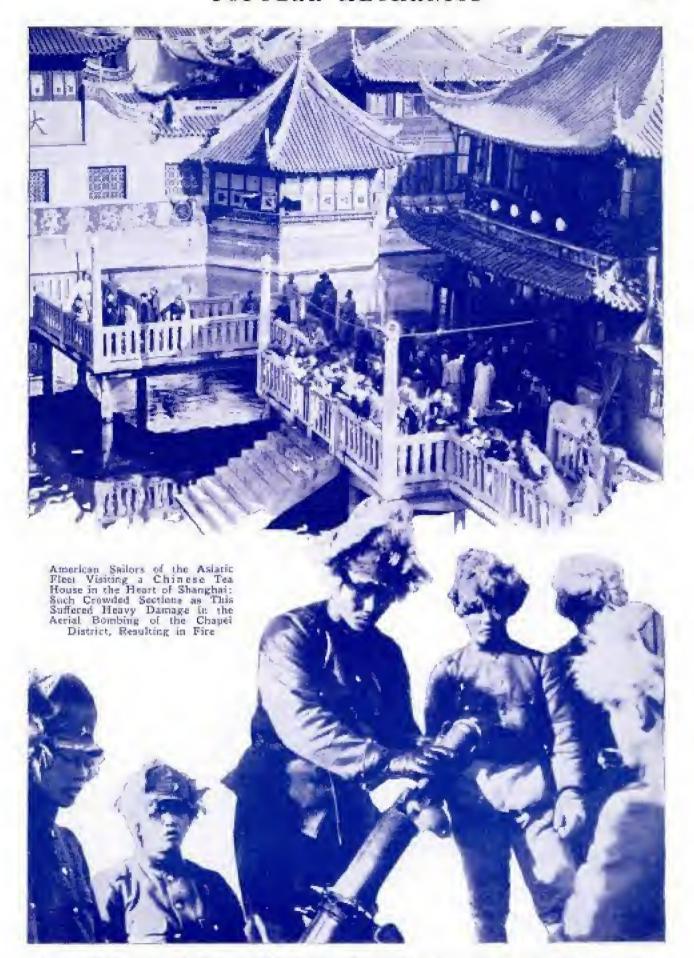
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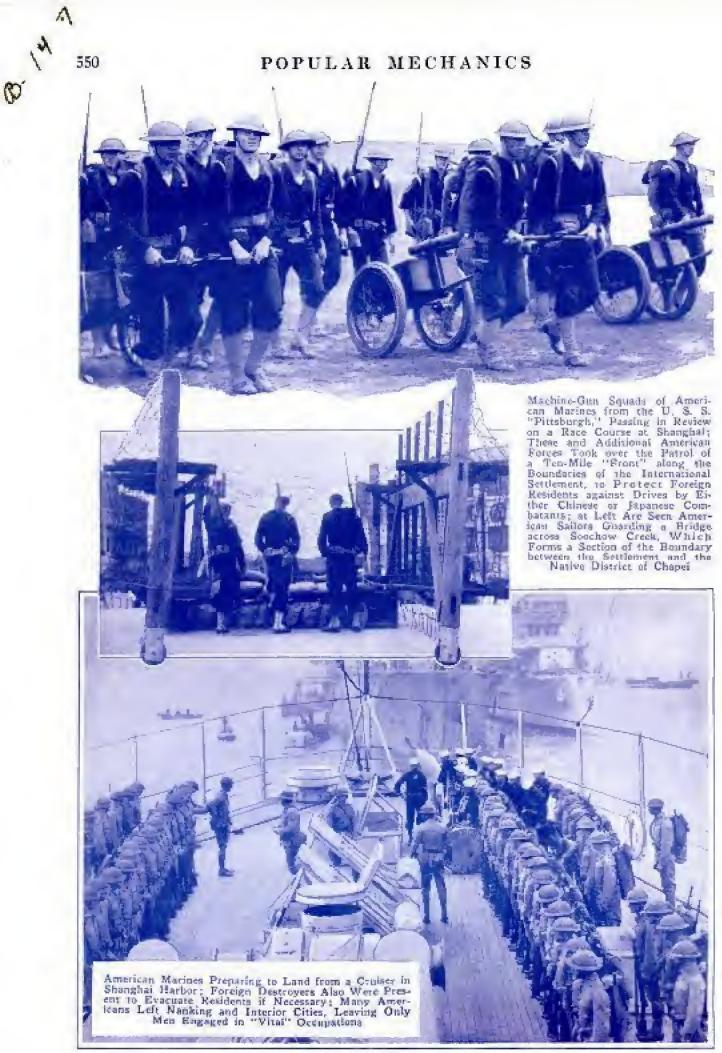


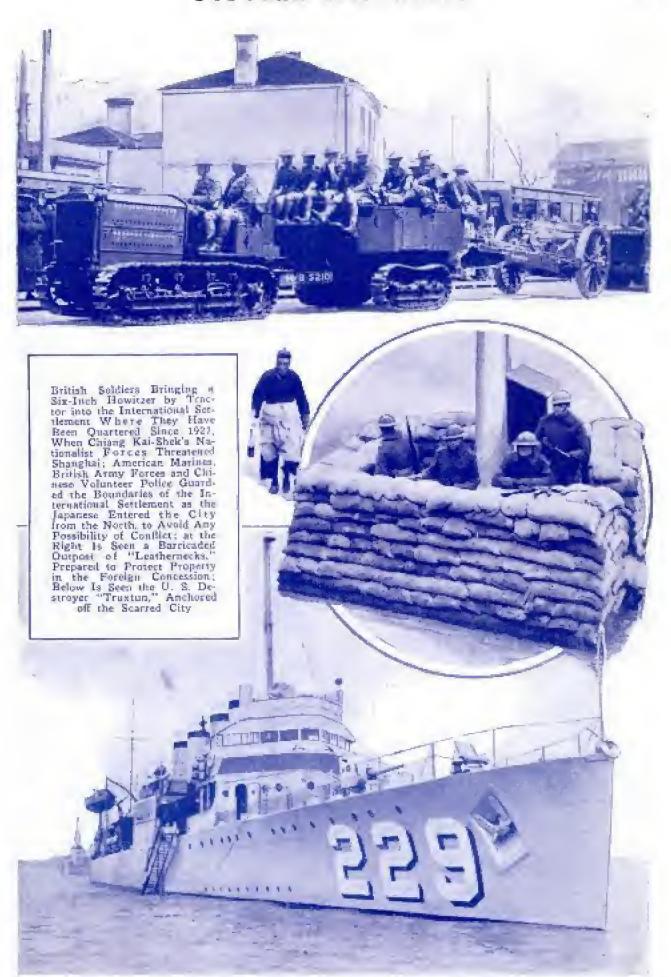


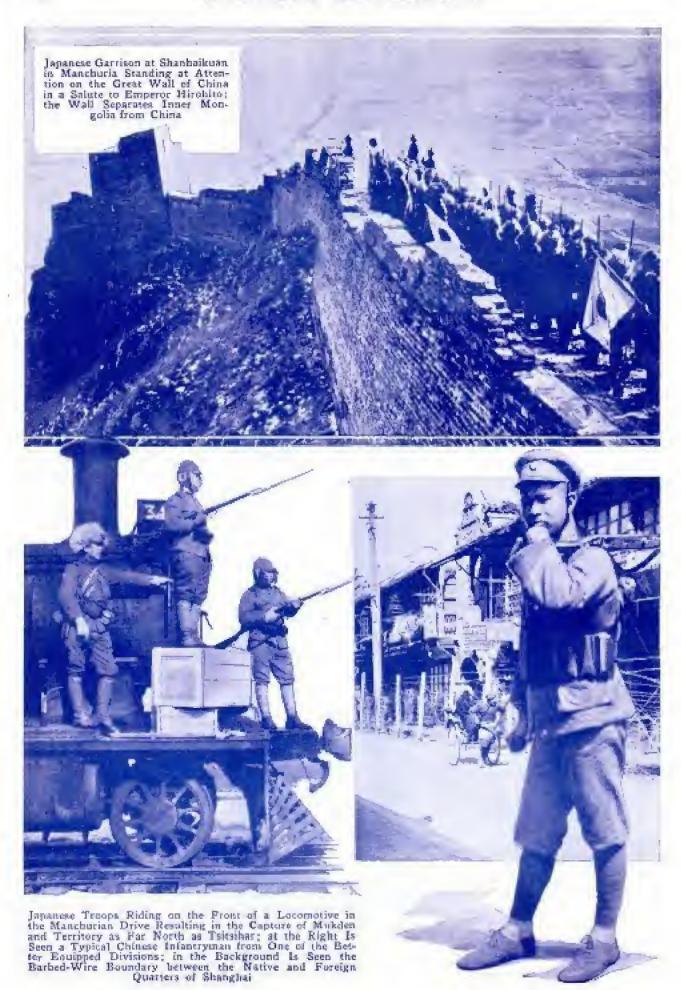
Here Is How China Looks from the Air to Japanese Eyes; This Picture of the Walled City of Chinchow Was Taken from a Japanese Airplane After Chinese Forces Had Left

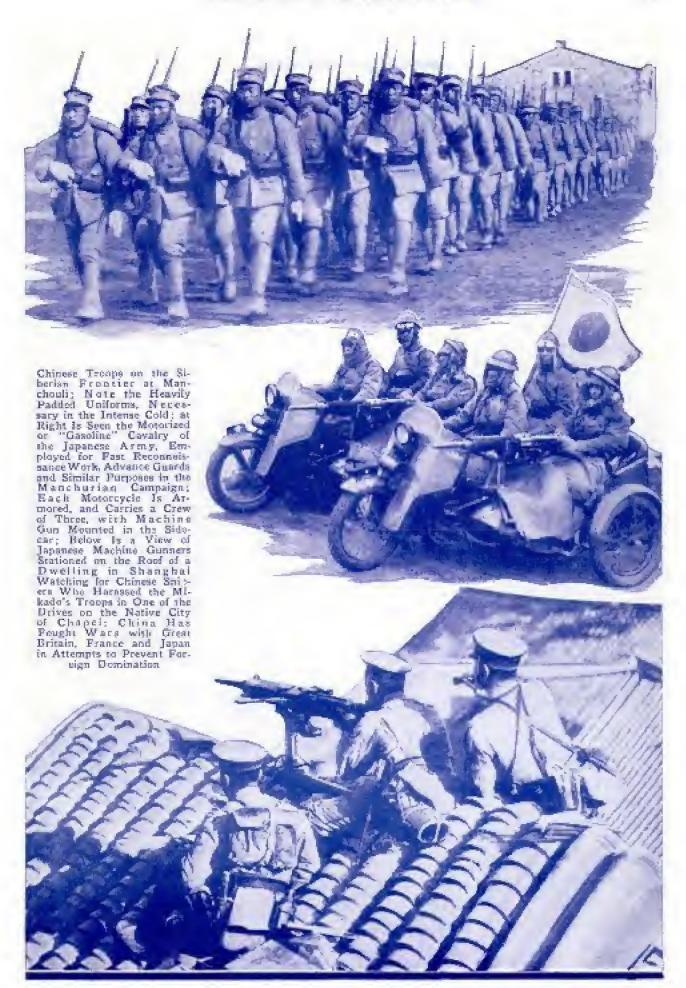


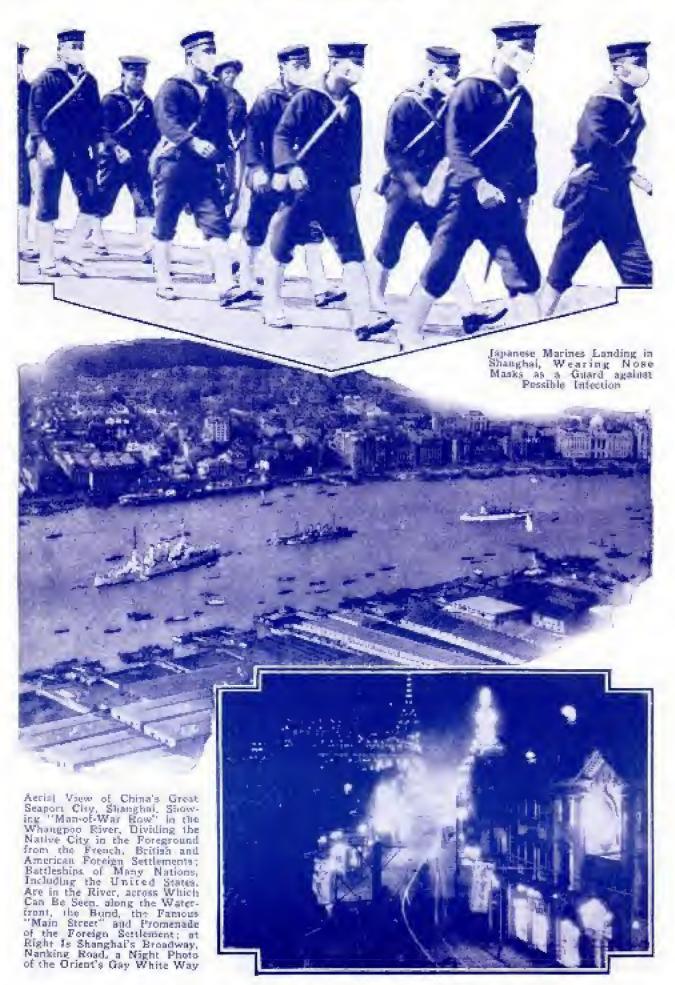
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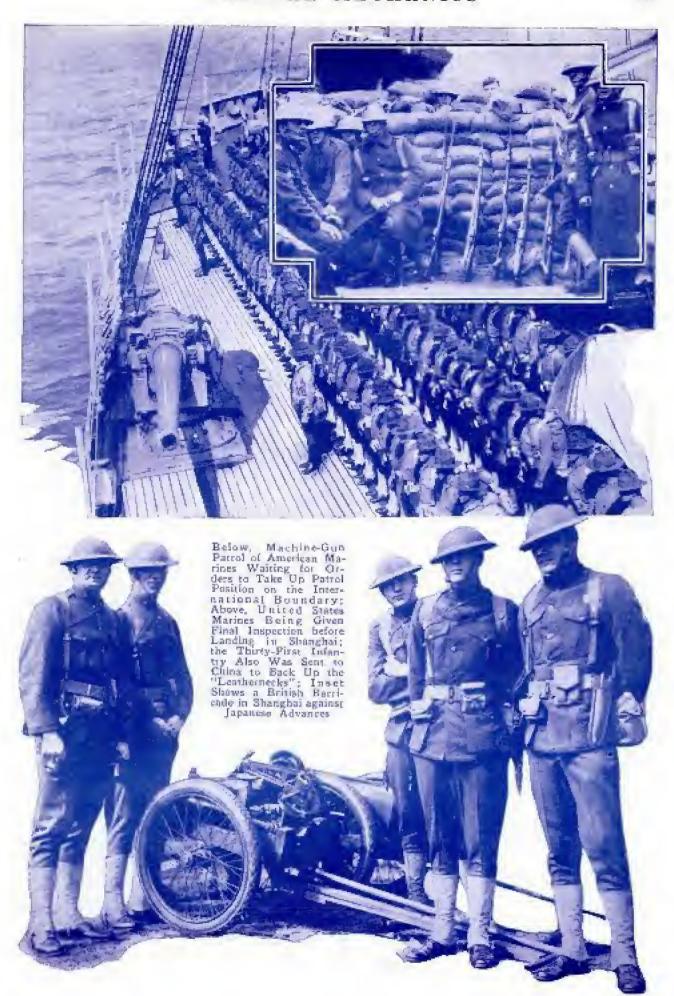


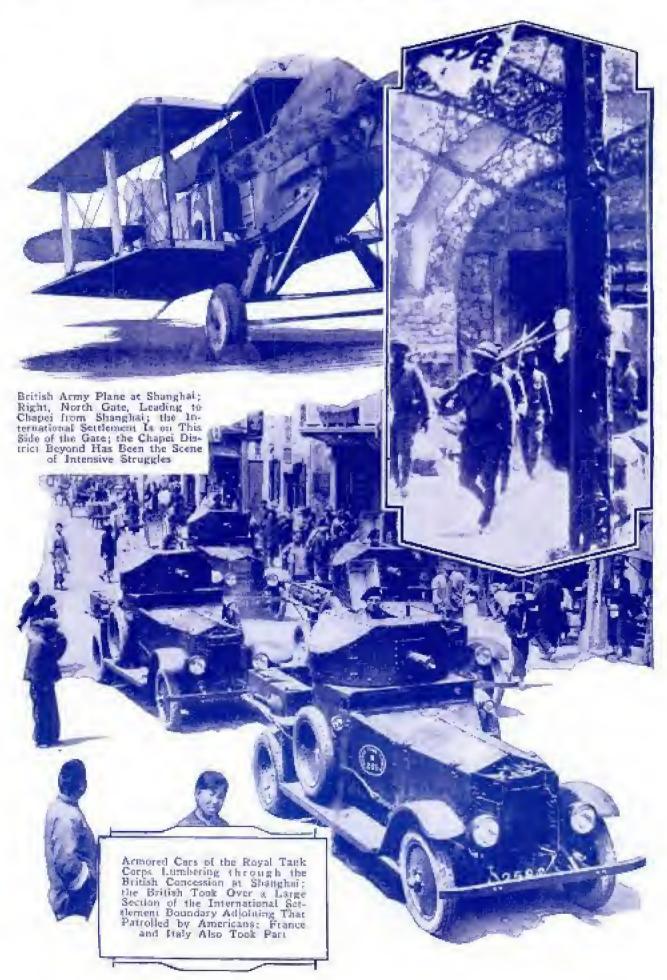






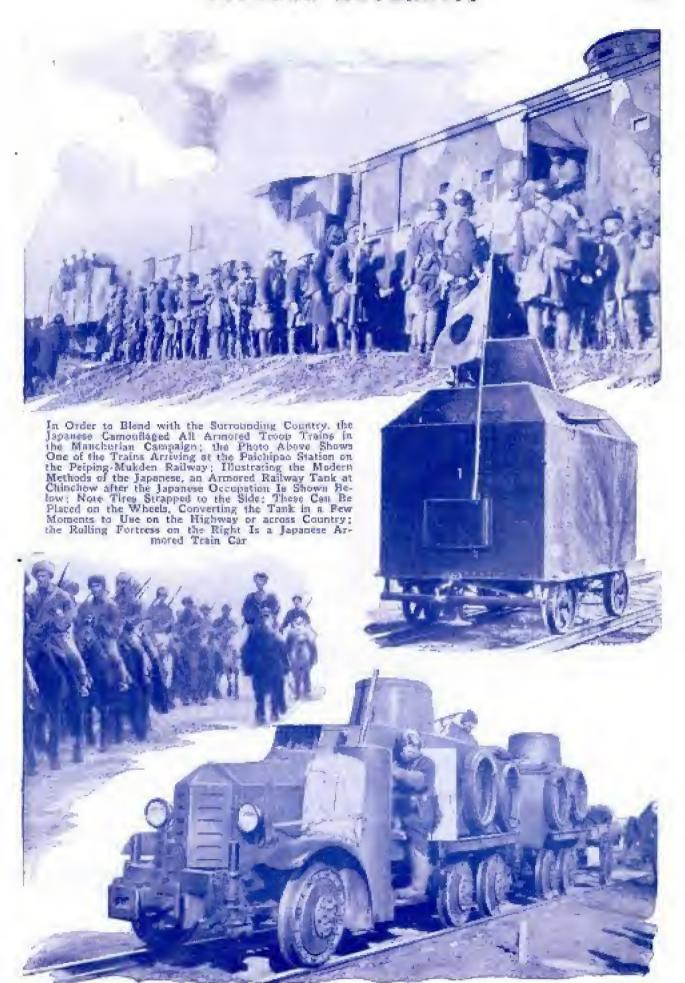


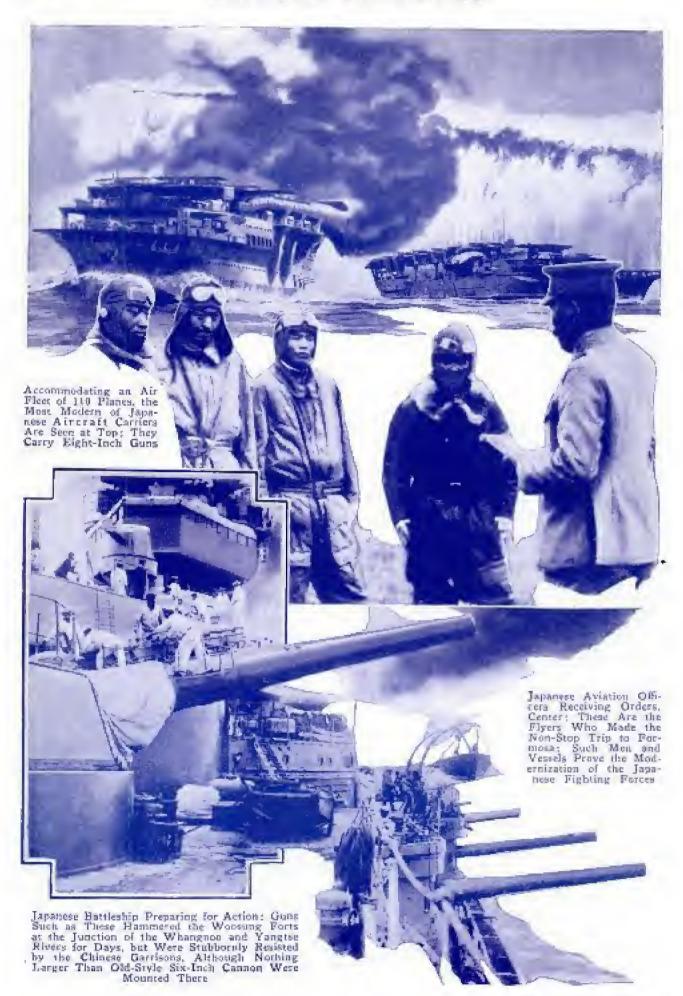












MOTOR SHIPS SHOW BIG GAINS IN AMERICAN REGISTRY

Popularity of motor-driven ships has shown a steady increase since the first two were licensed in 1893, a recent report of the American merchant marine discloses. At the close of the fiscal year, 1930-31, there were 12,346 registered motor vessels of 1,053,266 gross tons, as compared with 12,124 ships, totaling 981,858 tons, at the close of the previous twelve months. The number of steam, motor and sailing ships, canal boats and barges in the American marine was 25,471, totaling 15,908,256 tons. This represents slightly more than 200 increase over the previous year, showing that most of the additions during the period were of the motor-driven type.

PAINTED CIRCUS ON TRUCK

Galloping circus animals, painted on the sides of a truck and double trailer, attract the attention of children and grown-ups alike as the big truck and its burden of baby food roll over the highways between Fremont, Mich., and Chicago. The outfit with its animal decorations consists of a truck, semi-trailer and rear trailer with an over-all length of fifty-eight feet, a weight of 28,000 pounds and a load capacity of 50,000 pounds. Eighteen wheels carry the burden, and the cab is equipped with a bed and has room for four persons, including two, and often three, drivers. The trailers are fastened with heavy hooks and also with chains, and the truck is equipped with a sander to blow grit under the wheels whenever the train encounters slippery road conditions.



Truck and Trailer Decorated with Galloping Circus Animals; the Pointed Scenes Are Used to Attract the Attention of Children

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Transparent Glass Brick Like Those Used in Interior of Building to Improve Lighting

SOLID-GLASS BRICKS TRANSMIT VARIED LIGHTING EFFECTS

Bricks made entirely of transparent glass are used in the construction of an office building in Syracuse, N. Y. The bricks are said to be as strong as steel, but their main purpose is to make possible modernistic lighting effects which could not be done without transparent material.

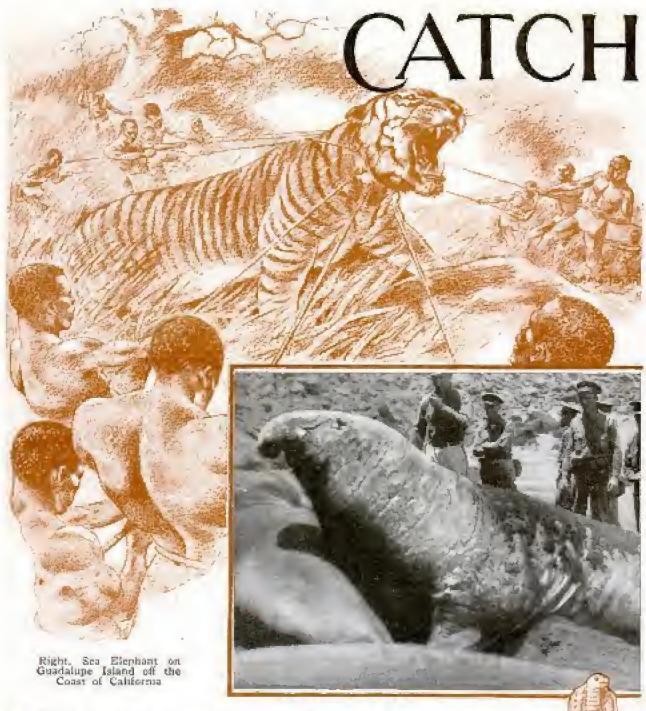
FOR DATA ON COSMIC RAY

Small balloons carrying delicate measuring instruments are soon to be sent ten miles above the earth, and from the data brought back, man may find out whether he is living in a universe that is dying or

one that is growing. Dr. Robert A. Millikan, famous physicist, wants to find out whether these rays have their origin in the building up of the universe, or signal its destruction, as held by Sir James Jeans, while he believes they originate in the formation of matter because they are unaffected by the sun, which could not be true in the opposite case.

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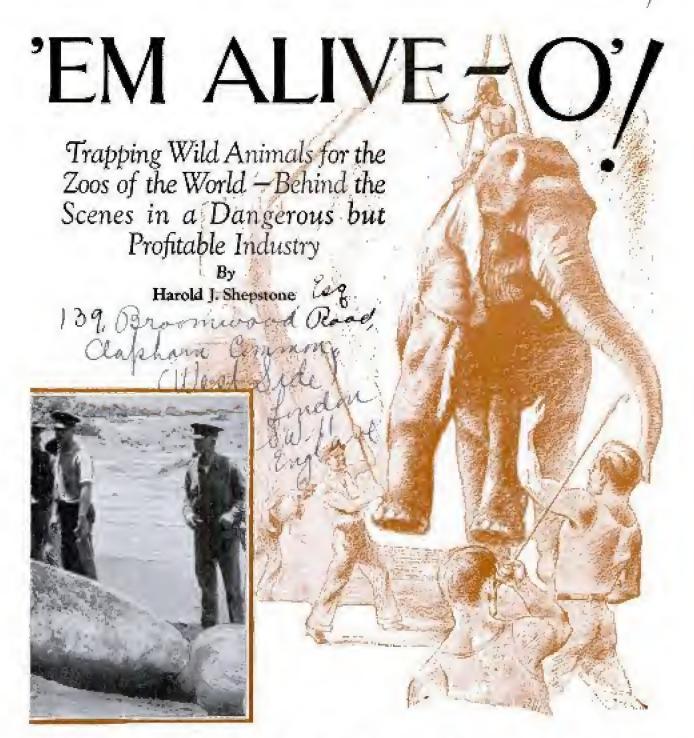
THE majority of visitors to zoological gardens are usually so interested in the animals themselves that they forget all about the untold dangers that have, in many cases, been encountered by the men who made the captures possible.

Supplying of zoos and menageries with suitable inhabitants is a highly specialized business. At the great ports of Europe, such as London, Liverpool, Marseilles and Hamburg, you will find recognized animal dealers who trade in this curious merchandise. Their depots are nothing more than vast animal emporiums, where you can purchase all kinds of beasts and birds,

just as you can buy a suit of clothes or a hat from the big stores.

Some of these dealers send out their own men

to hunt and trap the animals, and will even organize special expeditions to secure the rarer species. Then there are the animal hunters who work independently, for the most part British sportsmen. These men will lose themselves in the bush for months at a time and then turn up with their caravans and dispose of their catches to agents in Nairobi, Khartoum, Stanleyville and Salisbury in Africa, Singapore in

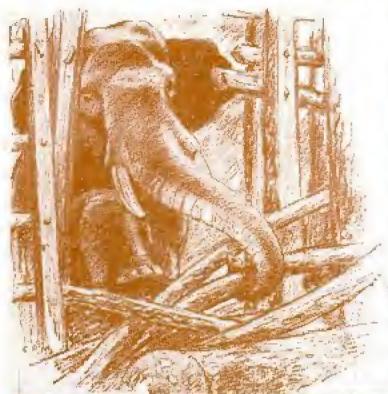


the Malay states, Calcutta in India, and so on. These agents, in turn, sell the animals to the dealers in Europe or to the zoos direct.

Those who imagine that catching wild creatures of the forest and plain is a fairly simple matter should remember that, after securing his quarry, the animal hunter has to transport it alive for many hundreds of miles, often across trackless and practically unexplored country. A dead beast is of no use to him. The big-game trapper's gun is for use only in the last emergency, and on numerous occasions men have sacrificed their lives because

they refrained too long from using the rifle.

Naturally, it is the rarer species, such as the okapi, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, giraffe, boschbok and gorilla that the dealers most prize. And here a word of explanation is necessary. A traveler returning from the wilds of Africa will tell you how he detected hippos floating down the streams and spotted giraffes on the horizon; he will also relate to you how many had been shot in the district only a short while before by some famous sportsman. Yet, if you wished to procure a live okapitoday, which is only to be found in the



birth? The reason is simple. No hunter would dream of trying to capture a full-grown hippo or rhino. Indeed, it would be practically impossible to hold such an animal, and, even were it possible to entice one into a cage, it would probably only kill itself in its frenzied efforts to escape, or refuse to eat, and so die of starvation.

This applies to nearly all the higger species of wild life. Captured adults will die of a broken heart, apart from the fact of the difficulty of transporting them. A full-grown adult hippo will turn the scale at from two to three tons, not a light weight to be conveyed, across rough country. What the hunter endeavors to do, therefore, is to secure the young



Feeding Animals on Board Ship on Way to Dealer's Depot; the Boar Trip Is Always a Hazard for the Trapper

depths of the mysterious Congo forests, you would probably have to pay \$10,000, or even more. The recognized market price of a rhinoceros is \$6,000, a hippopotamus \$5,000, a giraffe \$3,000 to \$3,500, and other animals in proportion, according to their rarity and the difficulty of taking them alive. Why, one may well ask, this enormous price for a single specimen of these creatures when they appear to be fairly plentiful in the land of their

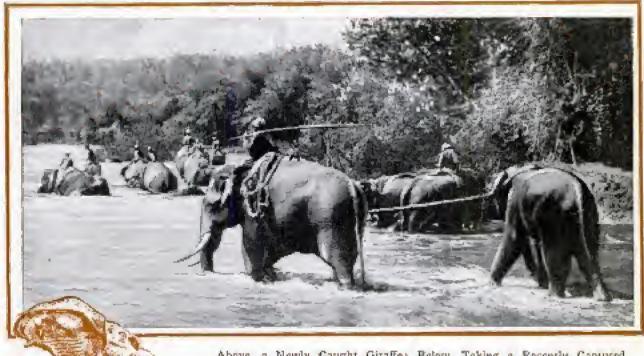
ones. This he does by hunting along the river hanks until he happens to discover a female hippo and her young. The thing then is to capture the calf.

Fully three-fourths of the hippos for-

merly brought to Europe were secured by the Havati or water-hunters of the Sudan by means of the harpoon. A special kind of weapon was used, fashioned in such a way that it did not make a deep wound. Not only were hippos taken in this way, but also crocodiles. Happily this undoubtedly cruel method is a thing of the past, and the plan now followed by the modern collector is to trap young hippos in nets after frightening the mother away,

Next comes the feeding of the prize. Now a baby hippo will drink fifteen pints of milk a day and bellow for more. The nutriment is supplied by goats, which have to be brought along with the expedition. This means, of course, that the hunter's caravan is an unwieldly affair, and can only move across country very slowly.





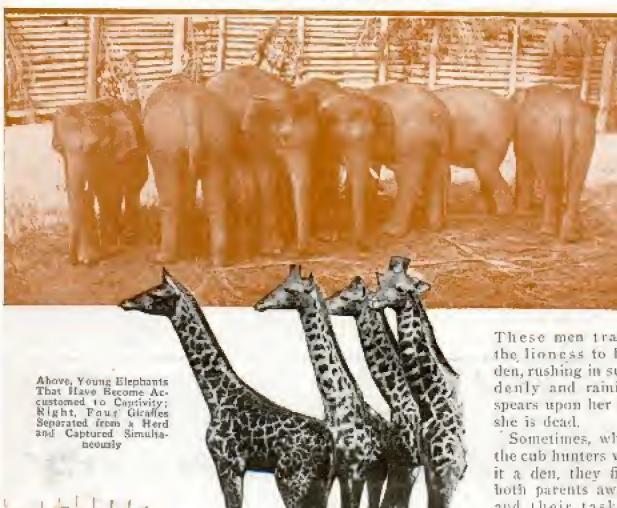
Above, a Newly Caught Giraffe; Below, Taking a Recently Captured Elephant to Water with the Rest of the Herd, to Induce Him to Drink

In carching giraffes, the hunter engages only natives who are expert horsemen; he may recruit as few

as a dozen or a couple of hundred. Scouts are sent out until a herd is sighted, and then off go the natives on their speedy Abyssinian ponies. Having come up with the herd, with yells and shouts they dash toward the animals. Frightened out of their wits by the din, the long-necked creatures turn and bolt for dear life. For

some time the chase is kept up at furious speed until, one by one, the young ones fall behind exhausted. Instantly these are cut off from the others by a couple of men on horseback, and headed toward the camp, soon becoming entirely exhausted and falling easy preys to their captors. Halters are then fastened round their heads, and they are led to the camp. They are fed principally on goats' milk, corn, and various kinds of green stuff.

While it is true to say that many animals, when first captured, experience a period of fear and uncertainty as to their



fate, they soon realize that their captor is their friend, and, if well ied and cared for, quickly settle down to life in captivity. Curiously enough, the big cats, such as lions, tigers and

leopards, do not give the hunter so much trouble as some of the hoofed animals. In the case of lions, they are mostly taken when cubs. This work is done by the natives; the collector merely tells them that he is wanting lions, and in a short time they return with the desired number.

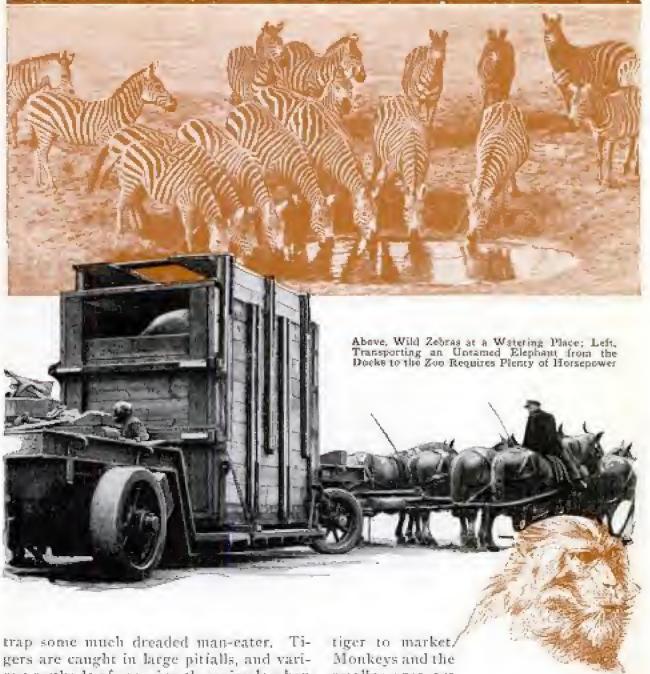
These men track the linness to her den, rushing in suddealy and raining spears upon her till

Sometimes, when the cub hunters visit a den, they find both parents away, and their task is easy. Should the mother then return. however, there is at once a fierce fight. and unless she is quickly overpowered, it goes hard with the natives. There is no creature

more herce than one of these big cats when it comes to protecting her young, and the cries of the infuriated mother will sometimes bring her mate to the scene, and an enraged male lion strikes terror to the stoutest heart,

Lions vary very much in price, ranging from as low as \$250 to \$500 and more apiece. The finest lions were those obtained from the Atlas mountains, in north Africa, but this species is now practically extinct. Then we have the black-maned lion, seldom seen in captivity. Its mane is a jet-black, which is said to turn grey as the animal grows old.

Tigers are captured as cubs and also when fully grown; often the animal hunter, to the delight of the natives, will en-



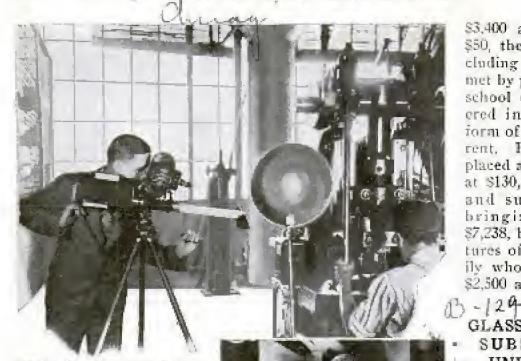
trap some much dreaded man-eater. Tigers are caught in large pitialls, and various methods of securing the animals when once they are in the pit are practiced. In some cases, a strong wooden trap is fixed in the pit, and when the animal falls through the lightly covered mesh at the top, it traps and cages itself automatically. In others, it merely falls into a big hole, and has to be secured and dragged out by ropes.

In certain parts of India, the natives are so daring that they will place a collar, from which hang a number of twenty-foot ropes, round the neck of a newly caught tiger. To the end of each, a man will hang for dear life, and by pulling against each other guide the infuriated brute along the path they wish it to follow. In this way, they literally walk the

Monkeys and the smaller apes are caught in specially construct-

ed traps. These are, as a rule, set up near the waterhole which the creatures are in the habit of frequenting. There is a ready market for young chimpanzees, from \$250 to as much as \$500 being given for them. The only drawback with these creatures is that they are liable to succumb to hing troubles. It is the same with the gorilla. They usually live only a few months.

There is probably no calling where attention to little details is so essential or disaster will result. When a dealer sends out an expedition, he is never sure of what the result will be. He may reap a fortune or he may lose heavily.



Taking Time Movies of Factory Operators at Work; Right, Rec-ord as It Appears on the Film

MOVIE CAMERA HAS STOP WATCH TO TIME WORKERS

Time and motion study by industrial engineers is aided by motion pictures. Movies of this sort sometimes are photographed with a stop clock appearing in the picture, but the best results often are not obtained because the worker becomes "clockconscious" and may not

problem, a new apparatus containing a the mold is removed, it appears as a hardcamera focusing dial, and appear on each the same time can be employed. frame of the movie film,

RAISING CHILD COSTS PARENTS ASEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Raising an average child in an average being manufactured of it, as well as a home from birth until it is eighteen years other objects, gramental or useful. old costs about \$7,200, according to estimates prepared by an insurance company."

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\$3,400 and education at \$50, the latter figure including only minor items met by parents, as publicschool education is cover ered in shelter in the iorm of taxes included in 🕃 rent. Health expense is. placed at \$284, recreation at \$130, insurance at \$54 and sundries at \$570, bringing the total te \$7,238, based on expenditures of an average family whose earnings total \$2,500 a yyar.

GLASS AND CHINA SUBSTITUTE IS UNBREAKABLE

An unbreakable substitute for glass and porcedain called "festellan" has€ been developed as a byproduct of an insulations plant at Henningsdorf, Germany. The material, which can be colored by the addition of dyese comes in the form of an amberlike powder. It is heated in steel molds and placed under high pressure until it is made fluid" when it will fill the tiniest cavities in the mold.

work at his natural speed. To solve this It solidifies in a few moments, and when lamp, stop watch and record card is at almost insoluble and non-fusible mass. tached to the base of the camera. The with a smooth, mirrorlike surface which images of the watch and card pass through needs no finishing treatment. Not only a series of lenses, which can be calibrated ton the material be colored in all the. by the operator to correspond with the J shades of the scale, but several colors at kTests: have shown the material to be water, acid. and heat-proof, and it is such a poor heat conductor that a vessel of festellan filled with a hot liquid remains cool on the out- ? side. All kinds of dishes and utensils arms being manufactured of it, as well as many

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OIL PAPER STOPS
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Oiled paper is being used in Switzerland to prevent apples in storage from shrinking. Experiments were made both in ventilated and unventilated cellars, and it was found the fruit kept best in the former. The apples were placed in boxes and covered with oil-paper scraps, but it is more advantageous to wrap each separately. Previously, the apples were packed in ground peat which was unsatisfactory because it stuck to the fruit.

FLOATING BRICKS ARE MOISTURE &

Bricks so buoyant they will float in water and re-

quiring only twelve hours, instead of three weeks, to make have been produced recently. Although as light as wood, they are both water and fireproof, hence no insulation against moisture is needed in the walls of buildings constructed with them. Because they are light, they can be laid faster than ordinary bricks, and the cost of constructing a house with them is slightly less than for the same building made of wood. They are made of clay in any desired shape, either smooth or rough finish, and can be sawed. It is claimed they are virtually indesfructible.



Brick So Light It Floats in Water: It Is Made of Clay and Is Waterproof and Fireproof

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Four-Masted Bark with Giant Auxiliary Motor; Rigging on All Four Masts.

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"ELECTRIC SAILORS" MAN YACHT THAT HAS FOUR MASTS

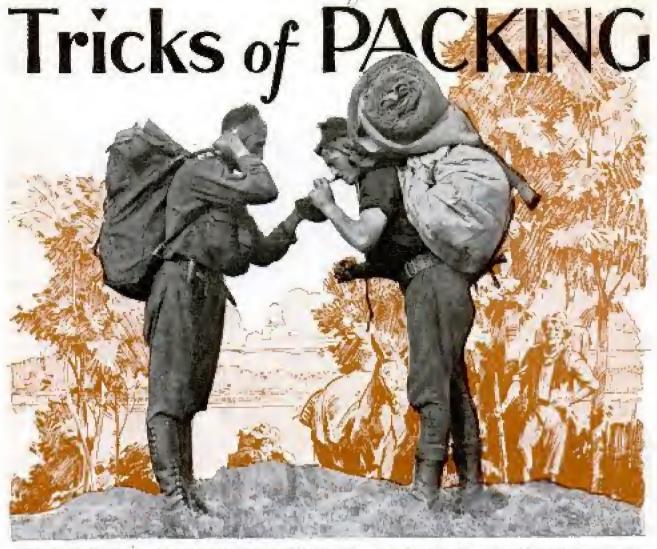
Built in Germany toran American yachting enthusiast, a four-masted bark with a sail spread of about 35,000 square feet has recently been completed. The sails are manned by electricity. In addition to the four masts, the ship is equipped with four generators, each coupled with an 800-horsepower Diesel engine, to supply power for a giant electric auxiliary motor. If the sails are employed to drive the vessel, it is possible, through an ingenious arrangement, to reduce the resistance by letting the propellers run.

JUG OF WATER STARTS A FIRE

Water is probably the last thing most persons would consider as a fire hazard, but a five-gallon bottle of drinking water recently set fire to a California home. The glass container had been set outside the house two hours before the blaze started. Rays of the sun were focused by it on the wall, finally creating heat intense enough to ignite the wood.

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Hunters in Quebec Demonstrating the Proper Method of Packing Supplies; They Are Using Canvas Sacks and the Bedding Roll Is Held with the Aid of a Head Strap

"CARRY what you need easily," is the slogan of the veteran outdoor man, who uses several tricks unknown to the amateur, to tote his load of equipment and food supplies. Every day in the year, hunters, campers, surveyors, woodsmen, trappers and scientists somewhere turn their backs on civilization and follow the ancient trails, packing supplies to last several days, weeks or months.

Man packing is most difficult and arduous, but is made easy by use of the canvas sack with straps. 'Used high on the back, larger loads are toted comfortably. Extra clothing and personal equipment are best carried in a heavy canvas duffle bag, fitted with a loop or handle at one end and with another at the side; the top has an inside waterproof hood, and the bag is closed with a drawstring or har lock passed through the eyelets at the open end.

The pack board also is widely used.

This has a flat wooden frame with shoulder straps. The load is lashed to it or suspended in a sack into which the frame is built. One of the commonest devices, if used with some skill, is the old-timers' bedroll and straps. The blanket is folded lengthwise, about two feet wide, with the edges lapping over the food and small articles first laid compactly in the center near one end. The roll is begun at this end, producing a cylindrical bundle with all hard articles in the center. Straps or cords around each end hold this firm, and to these the shoulder straps are attached, together at the top and separated a foot or more at the bottom to prevent swaying.

Gunnysack and overalls furnish a variant of the above, actually preferred by many. The leg bottoms of a pair of old soft overalls are tied to the bottom corners of a gunnysack with a chip or pebble in each corner so the string will not slip off. The



load is placed in the sack, the top of which is then brought as close to the load as possible and there lashed with a string to the overalls gathered exactly at the crotch, the legs forming the shoulder straps.

It is best always to use a method of suspending even a light pack

from both shoulders. Anything on one shoulder, even a long slender blanket roll, is uncomfortable. Be sure that the straps are not too wide, narrow, tight, loose or hard. Keep the pack as high as you can without binding arms or chest, or it will tire the back by swaying. Packers avoid non-essentials and duplicate articles in a party. Anything above thirty-five or forty pounds is too heavy. A four-day trip may be made comfortably with less than thirty pounds per man,

One of the secrets of man packing is to carry the load high. The tump line is fastened around the bottom load, the sweat band crossing the forebead, and the straps must be carefully arranged so as to prevent excessive neck strain. Usually there

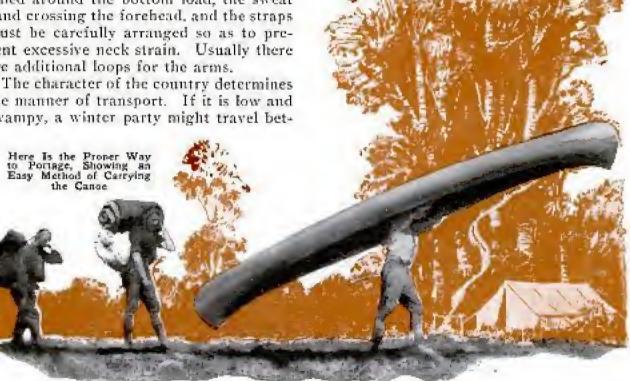
are additional loops for the arms.

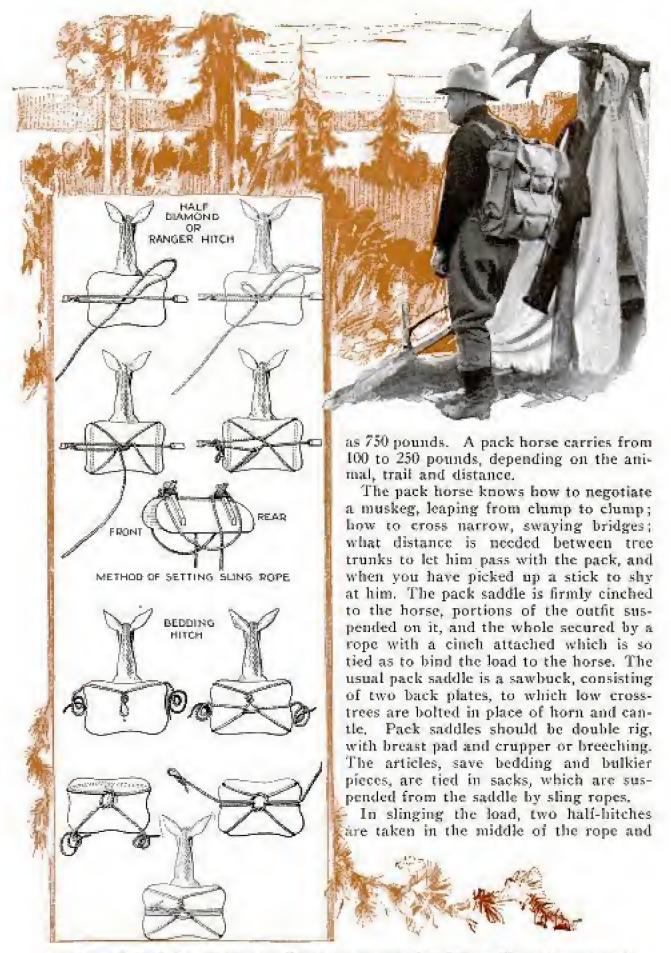
the manner of transport. If it is low and swampy, a winter party might travel bet-



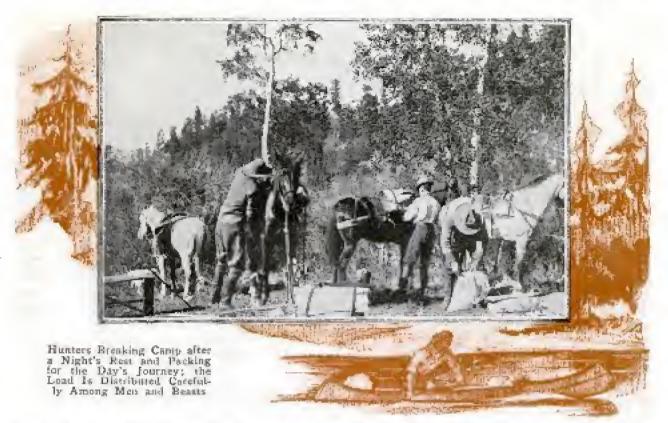
Ready for the Hunting Trip with a Burro Carrying the Load, Evenly Distributed on the Animal's Back

ter by use of dogs and toboggans. If the country has sufficient hav and not too much bog and swamp, the pack horse solves the problem. A dog can be depended on to hauf 100 pounds twenty miles a day over bush trails, while, on a level stretch, a five-dog team can pull as much





Top, Canvas Patksack Slung Too Low on Back for Comfort; at Left, Packing Hitches Are Illustrated



dropped over the front crosstree. The ends are then looped over the rear crosstree to form the slings, which are adjusted to the proper position and kept there by taking a turn with the ends around the sling loop. When both side packs have been sling, the ends of the rope are tied together across the center of the saddle.

Then the sacks are piled on. The bedding may be rolled up, forming a bundle, or it may be folded once and spread across the pack. Long, slender articles, like fishing rods, shovels and rifles go on top, "Kyacks"—sacks furnished with a pair of loops to hook over the crosstrees-are especially useful for packing many loose articles. It is important that the two sides of the pack are evenly balanced. If the weight cannot be balanced, the beavier side should be slung higher. Make the load fast by use of the cinch or lash rope. The diamond hitch has no equal, but it is The one-man, difficult to remember. squaw, or Basco hitches are best for ordinary purposes. One of the simplest may be thrown single-handed, and is illustrated. This is known as the half-diamond or rangers' hitch,

The bedding hitch, also shown, may be used to pack bedding and cooking utensils, neither pack saddle nor cinch rope being required. The bedding is folded and

laid full length across the riding saddle, the loose articles placed on top beneath outer layers of bedding, and the hitch thrown as illustrated. This hitch forms a triangle on top of the pack and a diamond on the underside. If carefully thrown, it may be drawn very tight without danger of injury to the horse.

Canoe transportation is the best of all packing methods, if there are not too many portages. An eighteen-foot freighter, loaded high above the gunwales, carries as much as four or five horses. A twelve-hour paddle against a headwind is a small matter to the veteran. A ducking is all in the day's work. Only when rapids or falls bar the way, or the lake comes to an end, calling for man portaging, is the weakness of canoe travel known. Then each man carries his full share, often more, across the trail, be it a sheetiron stove, dunnage bag, cooking kit or tents, weighing anywhere from 100 pounds. on a long hard trail, to twice that on an easy short one,

Portaging the canoe is an art. The average bark, cedar or canvas-covered canoe can be carried by one man under the middle thwart easier than by two. Lacking the middle bar, the paddles are lashed lengthwise to the thwarts and far enough apart to admit his head,

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Adventure School for Tomorrow's Explorers

How to explore unknown regions is being taught students in the only school of its kind, the Institute of Geographical Exploration, at Harvard University. The school instructs the student in the leadership of exploring expeditions, or the student may concentrate on one particular branch of exploration work with the view

Record Wind Vene, at Right, Alds in Weather Forecasts; Left, Below, Student Studies Compasses; Right, Below, Recorder for Checking Wind Velocity and Direction



in mind of heading that particular branch on some future expedition. The student is taught along such lines as will enable him to venture into unknown regions and make his own weather forecasts, set up his radio communications, find his exact location by astronomical field work, and also the use of aerial pho-

tography for mapping. Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rice, noted explorer, is director.

CEMENT-MORTAR PIPE COATING PROTECTS FROM CORROSION

To prevent corrosion of the steel pipe carrying water across the San Joaquin valley to San Francisco, the line, about five feet in diameter, has been covered with a half-inch layer of cement mortar held in place by a wrapping of cotton fabric. Wire mesh is imbedded in the mortar for reinforcing. It was found that coatings of paint or other plastic materials applied to keep corrosive agents away from pipe buried in the ground are not entirely effective, because the movement of the soil in shrinking or expanding exerts a pull on the coatings, tending to disturb them and expose the steel. Rigid coverings of cement or mortar are able to resist this action, but in the past no practical method had been found to apply such pro-

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tection. With this process, a crew of six men cover a thirty-foot section of pipe in a few minutes. The pipe is supported by two rotary heads beside a track on which the wrapping machine runs. The coating is applied in a twelve-inch spiral, the motor which rotates the pipe also advancing the wrapping carriage, making a uniform overlapped winding. The layer of mortar is deposited on the pipe from a mixer above the carriage. After wrapping, the pipe is sprayed with a coating to seal in the moisture necessary to the chemical reaction in the cement.

ALL-WELDED OIL LOCOMOTIVES BUILT FOR TERMINAL

Said to be the first of their type ever constructed, seven Diesel-electric locomotives have been completed by the General Electric company for the Bush terminal at New York./While the engines and electrical equipment follow the usual standards in design, a number of new features are incofporated in the framework, because all joints are welded instead of being riveted. The entire structure of cab, underframe and trucks is fabricated from an welded steel shapes and plates.

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MOST EFFICIENT LIGHT KNOWN IS SODIUM-VAPOR LAMP

Highest efficiency known to lighting experts is claimed for the hot-cathode sodium-vapor lamp recently demonstrated by Dr. Harvey C. Rentschler of the Westinghouse Lamp company. Ordinary incan-Smarch all Charameter descent lights have a low percentage of Designed to prevent backing of motor efficiency. Mercury-vapor lamps have been

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Acrial View of the Arlington Memorial Bridge Spanning the Potomac River at Washington; Lincoln Memorial in Background

BRIDGE UNITES MOUNT VERNON AND NATION'S CAPITAL

Visitors to Mount Vernon now travel from the capital to the home of the first president over a \$21,000,000 bridge and highway constructed as a memorial to George Washington. The route begins at the Lincoln memorial in Washington, passing over the recently completed Arlington memorial bridge, a beautiful white span over the Potomac river linking the District of Columbia with Virginia. Past the bridge, the road, a broad ribbon of concrete, leads directly to Washington's home and is known as the Mount Vernon memorial highway.

LIFE-TIME TRIM FOR WALLS MADE LIKE LINOLEUM

Life-time wall covering and decorating material, made of composition cork, linseed oil and pigment, backed by fabric, has been developed. It is cemented to the wall, actually becoming part of it when dry. Wiping with a damp cloth is all that is necessary to clean it and restore its luster, while it has certain insulating and sound-absorbing qualities not usually obtained in homes. Patterns in many differ-

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mette are available and novel results are easily achieved by the use of panels and inserts. It also adapts itself readily to moldings and other designs. The material is made in six-foot widths and is applied direct to existing decorations.

1.120 POND WEED CROPS KILLED WITHOUT INJURING FISH

Pond fish farmers may be saved between \$50 and 3 \$100 an acre in expenseby a harvesting treatment developed by the bureau of fisheries to clear ponds? of weeds. - Previously these weeds have beenraked together by hand as the water level was

lowered, at a cost of \$60 to \$125 an acre. The latest method consists in spraying the water surface with a solution of sodium arsenite, producing concentrations of arsenious oxide of about two parts per million. This destroys the weed crop without injuring the fish or the insect larvæ and other aquatic life upon which the fish feed. The cost of such treatment, applied twice a year, is about \$10 an acre.

CAR OWNER'S NAME IMBEDDED IN RUNNING BOARD PLATE

Identification of your automobile is made easy if it is equipped with a foot

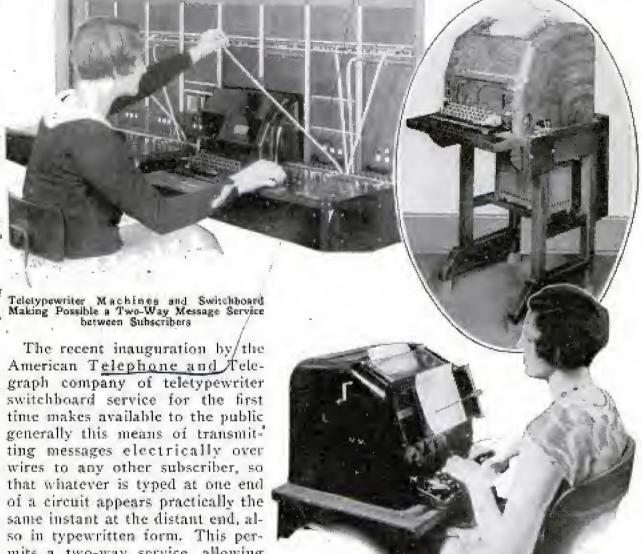
plate on which your name is imbedded in white rubber. The plate is attached to the running board under the door, the rubber mat thus serving a double purpose₄



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Teletype Messages Sent Through Switchboard

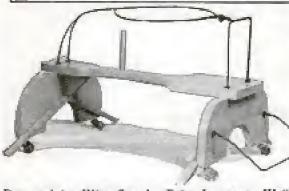


mits a two-way service, allowing inquiry and reply to be made on the same connection. The teletypewriter operates much as a tele-

phone service, with the difference that a subscriber is connected to a teletypewriter exchange, in which the board is modeled after telephone switchboards but contains many features necessary to teletypewriter service. On the keyshelf of the board for the operator's telephone set is substi- . tuted a teletypewriter. Like the subscribers, the operators communicate over the system exclusively by printing equipment, never by voice. When the sub--scriber signals the central-office operator, calling lamps light over the jacks in the exchange. The operator plugs in and types "opr" on her teletypewriter, these letters appearing simultaneously on the subscriber's writer. The subscriber then

types the number of the desired station, and the operator proceeds to complete the call in much the same manner as for a regular telephone message, When the called subscriber's bell rings and his motor is started, he answers by typing his number and firm name. When the communication has been completed, the originating subscriber sends a stop signal from his teletypewriter. This signal cuts out the motors of both subscribers and illuminates the supervisory lamps in the cord circuit at the switchboard. The operator then pulls down the cords. In order to provide this new service, teletypewriter exchanges have been established at vari-

writer. The subscriber then our points throughout the country. White 2264-6th are worth St. Petershing, Fla material



Protected by Wire Guards, Baby Learns to Walk in This Runabout That Will Not Tip Over

GUARDS PUT ON BABY WALKER TO PREVENT TIPPING

Safety for the baby is provided by a walker on which guards have been fitted to prevent tipping. The child cannot get wipe connection out of the protecting harness, cannot pick. up anything from the floor, but is taught to walk.

SUN OUTSHINES ALL THE STARS HUNDRED MILLION TIMES

On a clear day, the sun at noon gives The arm is held 465,000 times as much light as the full moon at its zenith, and provides the earth ision, and a ratchet with nearly 120,000,000 times more light is provided to hold than all the stars in the sky on an un-the cord at any clouded night. These are the calculations desired length. of relative illumination given in the fiftle The hand lamp is revision of the meteorological tables of aprotected by rubthe Smithsonian Institution. This table, ber and is providprepared by Dr. Herhert H. Kimhall of Sed with guard and hook. As soon as the the weather bureau, takes for its unit of Soperator is through, the winder was wraps measure the foot-candle-the illumination. The cord around the drum up to the deterreceived from a standard candle a foot

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away. The noonday sun, it is calculated; has an intensity at the earth's surface of; 9,600 foot-candles. For the sky at sunset, this falls to thirty-three foot-candles. The full moon at its zenith provides twohundredths of a foot-candle, which is ten times as much light as comes from the quarter moon.- Starlight amounts to only eight-thousandths of a foot-candle. B-231

METAL YOU CAN SEE THROUGH IS MADE OF ALUMINUMO

Transparent aluminum has duced by a German chemist by substituttion of substances in preparing an alloy which retains all the properties of the original metal, yet permits the passage of light. So far, the emerging light has a yellowish tinge, but the chemist is working to eliminate this color and make al glass-clear product. Use of the perfected alloy for window panes, roofing, sky-lights, household utensils and other purposes is expected by interested companies;

WINDER FOR EXTENSION CORDS SAVES TIME AND WEAR

With a radius of forty feet, providing an urfusually wide field of action, a mechanical extension-cord winder has recently been placed on the market.

cord always is in direct electrical contact, no rotary being necessary because the cable is wound on the drum by an arm, The drum remaining stationary. , under spring ten-

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"DO-X" Power Is Raised by Engine Changes



The "Do-X" in "Drydock" for Overhauling at Long Island, Above, and, at Right, Reinstalling the Engines After the Power Had Been Increased

After a thorough overhauling by expert aircraft engineers, the twelve engines of the "Do-X," huge German flying boat, were replaced while the ship was in "drydock" at North Beach, L. I. A number of points were checked during the vessel's stay at the airport, the most important, however, being the increase in horse-

power of the engines. Instead of the 7,200 horsepower delivered by the twelve power plants before they were removed, they now provide a total of 7,920 horsepower,

FIREPLACE GAS HEATER KEEPS EVEN TEMPERATURE,

Uniform temperature for the living room of the home is maintained, without forcing the house-heating plant, by using a fireplace gas, heater that is entirely au-

tomatic in operation. The heater is intended to rest in the fireplace and is equipped with a thermostat which is set at the desired room temperature. As the regular plante adams O Iras.

output is reduced, the thermostat opens the gas supply to increase the blaze of the gas heater, and when the furnace heat is increased, the gas heater is automatically turned down. This saves fuel because it is unnecessary to heat the entire house in order to maintain a comfortable livingroom temperature, which usually is a few degrees more than is required for other parts of the home.

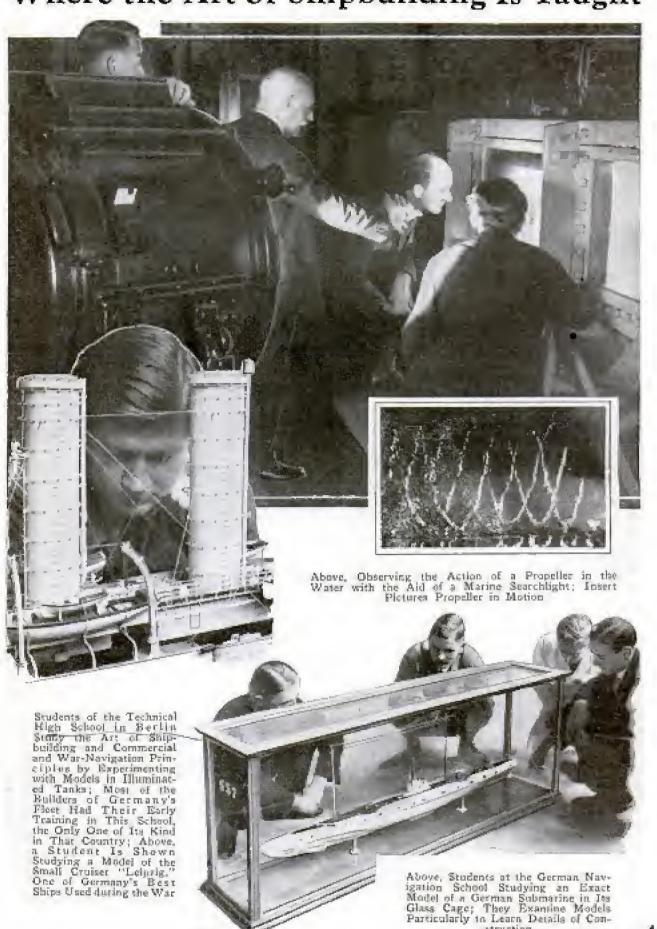
SILVER FINISH FOR DULL METAL COMES IN PASTE FORM

Tarnished silver or dull metal can be given a bright finish by applying a paste three times the fineness of powdered aluminum. Mixed with either lacquer or varnish bronzing liquid, the paste is put on with a soft brush. The finish can be restored to tarnished silver, or new silvering can be dong equaling the playing methods

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Count of Stars Shows Changes in Universe



Above, Section of Sky Such as That in Which Stars Were Counted; Below, Mount Wilson Observatory

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Measuring stars of the universe is the stupendous task recently completed by Dr. Willem de Sitter, jamous Dutch astronomer at the California Institute of Technology. According to the professor, the universe is constantly changing, and from year to year varies both in form and size. Figures compiled by extensive research and calculations set the present extent of the universe at between two and twenty billion light years. The meas-

urement was done with the aid of the 100-inch telescope at Mount Wilson, California. Through the powerful lenses, Doctor de Sitter's colleagues were able to count the number of stars in a definite sector of the heavens, thus giving him a basis for his calculations. "If you know the density, you can figure out the radius," he said. "It was like measuring the grains of sand on a beach. First a square foot of sand could be taken up and the individual grains counted. Then, by measuring the entire beach, the approximate number of grains in it could be determined,"

COLOR, NOT ODOR, OF FLOWERS ATTRACTS BUTTERFLIES

It is the color, and not the odor, of flowers that attracts butterflies. This was proved in tests in Germany where paper flowers were scattered in a garden with blooming ones. It was found that the insects settled indiscriminately on both kinds to seek food. The experiment further revealed that different species displayed preferences for special colors, some yellow and blue, others blue and purple, but none of them was attracted by green.

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times HOUSE HEATING NOT AFFECTED BY DIRECTION OF WIND

Although the wind might reverse itself and blow from the opposite direction, your house is no easier and no harder to heat, provided the outside temperature remains the same. This is the conclusion reached: by experimenters at the University of Minnesota who decided, after tests, that s the speed at which heat is lost through d building materials varies little as the direction of the air blowing against the material changes. Plate glass and pine wood \ were tested in artificial gales of up tothirty miles' velocity, and it is believed the results will apply likewise to other building materials. Sections of glass and wood held in the artificial wind were varied, through angles of fifteen degrees as the temperatures of their surfaces were taken heat being supplied by electric resistances," Although heat is lost a little more rapidly in a head-on wind than in one blowing parallel to a surface, it was decided that of for all practical purposes surface coefficients for air flow parallel to the surface might well be used without correction for any angle of the wind.

MAGNETIC LETTERS AS TITLES FOR AMATEUR MOVIE FAN

Magnetized letters on a tin background form a title board recently evolved for the Amateur movie operator. Pictures or drawings can be held in place by the leteters which are magnetized to the extent that they will hold photographic paper between them and the tin. Such letters are excellent for trick shots, since they will not fall, regardless of the position they occupy on the board. The pictures back of the titles also greatly enhance the beauty of amateur motion pictures.





Police Motorcycle Equipped with Compact Radio Re-ceiver, the Rider Serving as the Antenna

MOTORCYCLE RIDER IS ANTENNA OF POLICE RADIO SET

Motorcycle policemen act as their own antenna: when using machines equipped 5 with a compact radio receiver. A thin copper plate that fits the seat of the vehicle, completes the contact between the rider-aerial and receiver, a four-tube set hung from the handlebars. The loud speaker, volume control and switch also are at, the front. When the rider dismounts, he can keep the radio working by stopping the motor and throwing a switch that converts the engine and cycle frame into an antenna. The motorcycle battery and four dry cells, in a pair of saddlebags, furnish the power.

CHROMIUM-PLATED PISTON PIN LASTS LIFE OF AUTO B. 246

Claimed to last as long as the automobile engine, chromium-plated piston pins we now offered for both new equipment and replacement use. The hardness of the plating is said to make the pins outwear Scheel pins. Better resistance to corrosion is another advantage. The pins are coated 🐞 by a process under which an even appli-Magnetized Letters Adhere Firmly to This Upright cation of the plating material is assured.

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Dark Light Promises Way to Talk with Mars



Ultra-Shor: Wave Broadcasting and Receiving

as audible sound waves are only a few of the possible frequencies. Nature has been very kind to humans to impose these limitations,

he believes, as all would be chaos. and confusion were we able to see and bear everything. If there everis to be any sort of communication between the earth and Mars, he believes it will be borne on the medium of this dark light, because only the waves less than seven meters Development of ultra-short-wave radio long can penetrate the Heaviside layer. has convinced I. E. Mouromtseff, research He believes it quite possible that the fortyenginger of the Westinghouse Electric two-centimeter beam can pierce the layer and Manufacturing company, that light and travel the 35,000,000 miles to Mars. waves and radio waves are identical in ev-

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year if he can devise an automatic railroad-car coupling that is safer and better than any other inventor can make. obtain such a device, a competition is being conducted by the International Railway_Union, 10 rue de Prouy, Paris. The union is an association of nearly all the

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railway administrations of Europe and has set up a technical committee which has drawn up the requirements that an automatic coupling should satisfy, and has fixed the procedure to be followed in the submission and testing of proposed coupling systems. The specifications are furnished to inventors by the railway union in either French or German, but not in English. While not concerned with the contest itself, the International Labor office at Geneva has named a committee to collaborate with the railway union.

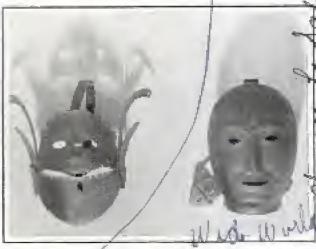
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RUBBER THAT ABSORBS WATER HAS COMMERCIAL VALUE

Full of pores invisible under the most powerful microscope, a new kind of rubber that absorbs sixty per cent of its volume of water is to be offered for commercial uses. Storage-battery separators, bearing oilers, surgical sponges, surfacings for metal, and other articles of similar nature, can be made of this rubber. Subjected to great pressure, its power to absorb liquids disappears. It is made from coagulated and vulcanized rubber.

MASKS IN MEDIEVAL TORTURES LIKE HALLOWEEN FACES 126

Masks resembling the face coverings worn by Halloween celebrators of today were used in tortures of the Middle Ages. A collection of pain-producing instruments has been on exhibit at a Vienna museum. Some of the masks were equipped, with spikes on the inside, while others locked the face into a painful position.



Iron Masks Resembling the Halloween Faces of Today Were Used by Tortugers in the Middle Ages



Wooden Statue, at Left, Shown Before Restoration; at Right, Statue After Anti-Decay Treatment

WOODEN STATUE IS RESTORED BY ANTI-DECAY METHOD

Anti-decay chemicals were used in restoring a wooden statue of St. Paul which stood under the gable of St. Paul's chapel in New York for 165 years. Arthur Smith, who has restored many pieces of art to their original beauty, did the work. The statue, nine feet high, was treated with a wood-preserving compound containing chemicals to prevent decay. Then decayed parts were filled with a liquid wood. When dried, the statue was sandpapered to retecive a base for the finishing.

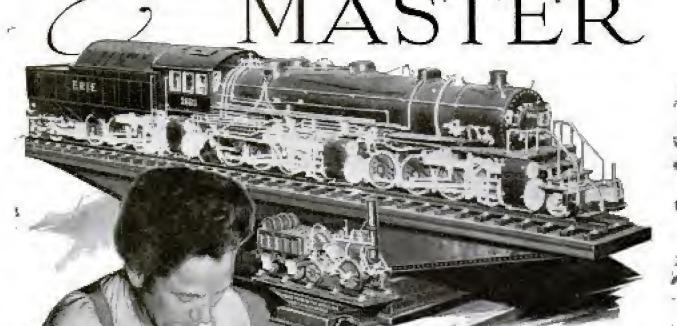
LACQUER TO GIVE PEARL FINISH MADE FROM FISH SCALES B.

Pearl finishes which are being used on the interior fittings of some automobiles are made possible by a lacquer obtained from a secretion in the scales taken from herring. When the fish are caught, they are allowed to toss about in the bottom of the boat until they cast their scales, which are gathered and put through a process that extracts the secretion which is manufactured into the lacquer. It has been found that only herring caught off the northeast Atlantic coast and in one spot on the northwest Pacific coast have the essential element in their scales.

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Above, Early and Modern Locomotives Carved in Wood; Below, Wainut Cane with Carved Balls inside the Cage

In the little town of Dover, Ohio, is a man who has attracted world-wide fame by whittling, from ivory, ebony, black walnut, pearl and bone, moving models of famous locomotives.

With only a knife and a few saws and files, Ernest Warther has just completed an eighteen-year task—the carving on exact scale from the original drawings of the history of the locomotive in model form.

Some idea of the intricacy involved in the work may be secured from the bell cords on the models. These are not bent, as ivory cannot be bent, but are cut to the curve after using a shellactovered thread as a template. Even the strands are cut into the pope. The bell cord on the largest model is so fine that, if held by either end, the weight of the free end would cause it to break.

The lettering on the base of each model, as well as that on the tender sides, is of ivory inlaid in the walnut. The models are driven by electric motors, connected by leather belts. The ivory used in these models came from elephant tusks. The walnut used was grown near the home of the carver. The frames of the models are made of apple wood, inlaid

with mother of pearl. The bolts and rivets are made of bone, and there is real ebony, in the whoels, cylinders and tender frames. The drivewheels consist of fifty-two pieces. In building the models, no lathe was used. The interiors of the cabs are complete in every detail—even the brakes operate. The largest of the engines has 7.597 pieces, including the base.

If you were to inspect one of Warther's models, you would swear that the wheels OARVER.

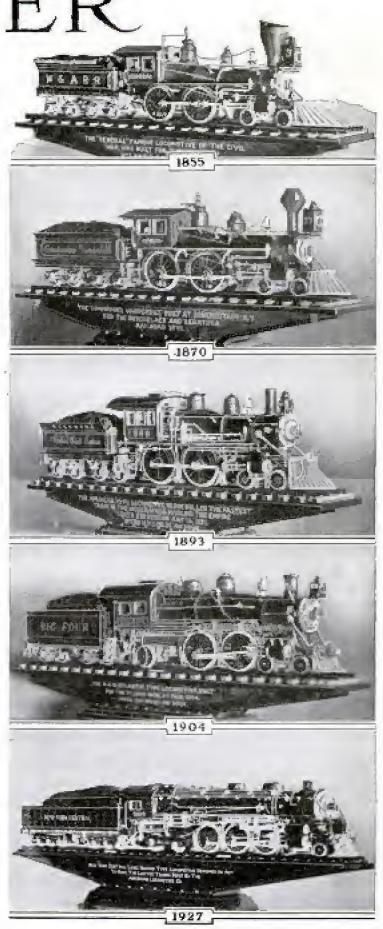
Whittles Way to Fortune with a Pocket Knife

and many of the other parts had been turned on a lathe, so perfect are they. Yet the only power tool that the carver uses is a drill press for making holes. In forming, say, a drivewheel flange of ivory, Warther cuts a slab from an elephant tusk with a meat saw, and then, with a special carving knife of his own design and make, shapes the wheel. He employs a few files to remove material here and there, until his micrometer tells him that the piece is an exact model of the original wheel.

The first model in the locomotive series is the Sir Isaac Newton engine. The man who worked out the law of gravity drew plans for a locomotive in 1680, but the engine never was built. After his death, these drawings were found in his desk. It is from them that Warther created his ivory-walnutand-ebony reproduction.

After this came models of every outstanding locomotive known to railroading, until the total had reached nineteen. Greatest of all of his creations is a reproduction of the Mallet articulated triplex-compound engine, of which only two have been built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. This engine is a giant having twenty-four driving wheels and six cylinders. The model is so heavy that two men are needed to handle it.

Warther was born forty-six years ago in Dover. From his ancestors in Switzerland he inherited his carving ability. When he



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was fourteen years old, he began working in the steel mills. For over twenty-one years he labored as a shear man, a task that is not particularly kind to hands that must work with utmost precision. Often he would handle 30,000 pounds of steel a day,

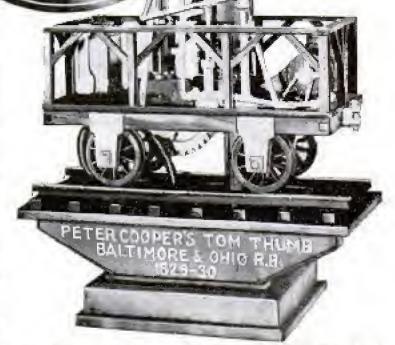
After working for eight to ten hours a day, he spent all his spare time in carving. The shaping of pliers from one piece of wood became a passion with him at one period of his career. Even today, he likes to take a piece of soft pine or walnut, and, with a few deft cuts with his knife, convert it in less than a minute into a little set of pliers that open and shut, yet, being made of one piece, cannot he taken apart. He made these pliers in groups, until he succeeded in attaining a record of whittling 511 pairs out of one piece of wood.

Another of Warther's favorite pieces is a Lincoln-head cane made about fifteen years ago. He started with a block of walnut and carved a likeness of Abraham Lincoln, even to the wart on his cheek. Then, below the head, he formed a hollow cage whose bars are but a fraction of an inch apart. Inside this is a hall inclosed in a spherical cage, the two parts being free to move about inside the cane. No human hand has ever touched the inner ball, and Warther has offered to give the cane to anyone who can accomplish this without breaking the wood.

As carving absorbed more of his attention, Warther retired from the steel mills, and now devotes all of his time to whittling.

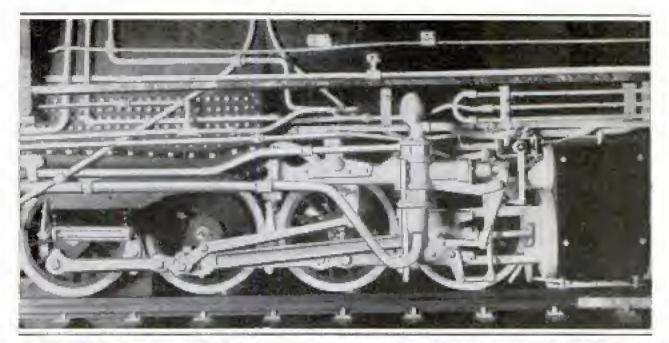
To secure isolation, he built a small shop in his back yard. But what a shop! It resembles a tiny dwelling. The visitor—and he entertains an average of thirty-five

callers a day—is impressed first by the giant padlock that secures the door. This lock, of unknown



Other Examples of the Expert Carver's Art, and, in Center, Starting Work on a Picce of White Pine

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A Close-Up Showing Some of the Intricate Carving on a Locomotive; All the Ivory Pipes Are Whittled to Shape Because the Material Cannot Be Bent; Even Bolts and Nuts Are Cut

age, came from an old German castle. It is fully as large as a good-sized flatiron.

After Warther opens the lock with a key of corresponding proportions, the visitor steps through a door into the strangest workshop that could be imagined. The walls and ceilings are covered with Indian arrowheads and other flint implements, arranged in artistic patterns, historical documents and fragments, pictures and relics. The glass-covered panels in which these specimens are displayed can be swung out to reveal drawers in which tools and supplies are kept.

This shop is the Mecca for all the boys and many of the grown-ups in the neighborhood. These callers do not bother Warther in his carving simply because he does most of it when they are in bed.

"The happiest moments I have," he says, "are in the morning, after two o'clock, when I come out to the shop, build a fire if the weather is cold, and carve. The colder the weather the better I carve,"

Carving is a tedious and energy-consuming pastime, and even Warther becomes weary of it. Then, for recreation, he pulls an anvil out into the center of the shop, gets out some steel, heats it in the coals of the fireplace, and proceeds to hammer out an exquisite knife. These knives have become so popular that he sells large quantities of them as souvenirs. Another specialty, turned out during his "recreation" periods, is a set of chony or bone-handled kitchen knives with high-speed steel blades that will last a lifetime.

In building the Mallet triplex, Warther took a huge elephant tusk and sawed sixteen and one-half inches off the base. This he converted into wheels, valves, bolts, coupling devices, and other parts. From the tropics came ebony, small logs weighing about seventy pounds, which were fashioned into the boilers, cylinders and other engine parts, and into imitation coal. From tropical waters he obtained abalone shells which, when polished, are beautiful in texture. These were used for forming letters, numerals, and for trimming.

In the meantime, he obtained from the Baldwin Locomotive Works a complete set of blueprints, made from original tracings, of the new engine. Those were his working drawings, and he followed them closely in making parts. He learned to read blueprints "by doing it," for it is only by employing these basic drawings that he could create his faithful models.

Then began the actual carving. Most of the work was done with a special knife that he made himself. It fits the hand perfectly, and has a number of blades that can be changed quickly. Extra blades are kept in the handle. The characteristic form of a carving blade is tapering to a fine point, from a base that is heavy

Studying Blueprint of Real Locomotive; Right, Pliers Made in Minute and Tool That Did It

enough for large cuts. The bolts and nuts that hold parts of the model together are made of ivory, and the nuts actually screw on the threaded bolt and form the only means of securing the parts. The bolts are about the diameter of a common pin. Yet, in all this work. Warther employs no magnifying glass. And he does not wear glasses,

A frequent question asked about the is difficult for experienced model makers about the Bullets capable of piercing armor usual browns and start usual bronze-and-steel combination, with oil for a lubricant,

Warther uses the oil-bearing Arguto wood, and the bearings never need other oiling. Friction of the rotating shafts causes the oil in the wood to become liquid enough to flow and lubricate the shaft thoroughly.

For two years and five months Warther's collection of engine models was in the Grand Central terminal in New York City, each locomotive running sixteen hours a day at the rate of sixty-six revolutions a minute for the drivewheels. In all this time, they were never oiled. Measurement of some of the shafts at the end of the period revealed that those carrying the greatest load had worn one threethousandths of an inch, while the others exhibited no wear at all. Even the bearings were not worn perceptibly. The models, incidentally, do not travel on a track. They are elevated slightly until their wheels clear the section of carved track above which they rest, so that the drivers, connecting rods and other moving parts can be set in motion. The nineteen models are in-



sured for \$250,000, and have been viewed by more than 7,000,000 persons.

BULLET FOR USE AGAINST TANK

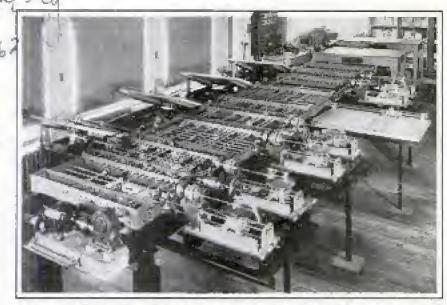
Bullets capable of piercing armor plate have been made by a German engineer who claims they are likely to discount the utility of army tanks as the spearhead of attack in infantry warfare. At a range of fifty yards, the bullets bored five-eighths of an inch into thick armor plate, and smashed through compound chrome-nickel armor half an inch thick, leaving holes twice the size of the bullets themselves. It is claimed this bullet has a velocity of 5,800 feet a second. It consists of a softlead core covered with a thin iron jacket. enabling it to blast out the armor plate. In/the past, such high-velocity bullets have eroded and worn out rifle barrels. after a few rounds, but it is claimed a way has been found to protect the harrel by plating the interior with a chromium alloy, The explosive used is described only as a commercial nitro-cellulose propellant."

FARM DEMAND FOR HORSES BEYOND SUPPLY 15. 26

At present there is a definite tendency to increased use of horses on farms, and as a result the supply of work horses does not meet the demand. This is the assertion of Renick W. Dunlap, assistant secretary of agriculture, who is advising farmers to breed more horses. Economic conditions, he declared. forced many farmers to use horses because they did not have the means

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to buy tractors. In 1931, the price of horses dropped only half as much as the prices of all farm products.



Mechanical Brain That Solves the Most Intricate of Problems in Calculus, Saving Weeks of Hard Work Computing Them

HUGE SUPERCHARGER DRIVES PLANE TO NEW RECORD

Flying at an altitude of 25,000 feet, an army aviator, Capt. Reuben C. Moffat, set a new record for a Dayton. Ohio, to Washington, D. C., flight at an average speed of 266 miles an hour. He covered the distance in one hour, twenty-six minutes. A Curtiss pursuit plane with exhaust-driven supercharger was used.

LATEST OF "ELECTRIC BRAINS" SOLVES EVEN CALCULUS

Following closely his announcements of the integraph and the photo-electric integraph, "electric brains" for the solution of scientific problems, Dr. Vannevar Bush, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has developed a still more amazing machine, called the differential analyzer. It solves quickly and accurately complex differential equations which, by ordinary methods, would take weeks of hard work to compute. The analyzer is made up of electrically driven and controlled mechanical units which perform the problem of the fundamental

operations of addition, subraction, multiplication and division, but the advanced integration processes as well. Operators stand at tables placed along one side of the machine and guide it through the intricacies of variable coefficients and other mathematical labyrinths, while from the central system of units the answer is picked off and plotted on a large table on the other side of the apparatus. It is said the machine can be set up in a few hours to perform almost at once these calculations:

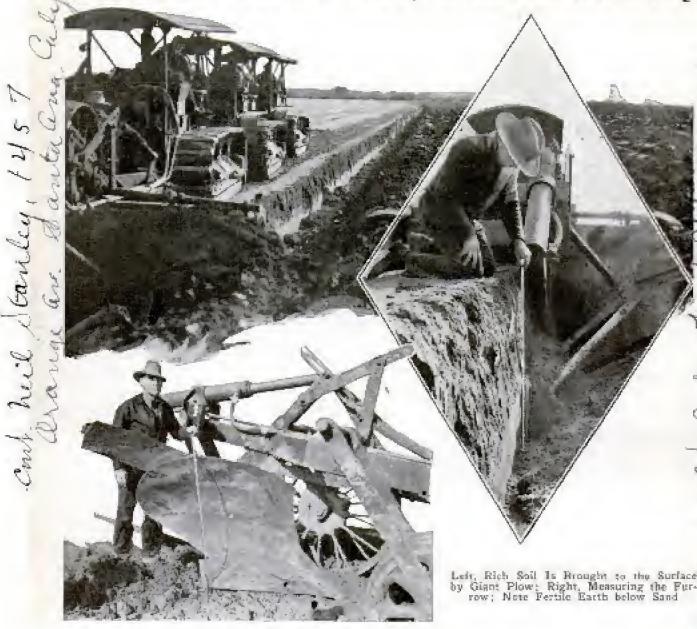
Here Is Capt. Reuben C. Moffat, Army Aviance, Pointing to Supercharger on she Plane in Which He Set a Speed Record Lucy Can.

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Plow Cuts Furrow Forty-Two Inches Deep



Cutting a furrow forty-two inches deep and thirty-six inches wide, a giant plow is bringing to the surface rich soil which was buried when the Santa Ana river overflowed thousands of acres in California many years ago. So deep was the B 30 | FROM RANK TOBACCO sand deposited by the flood that farmers could raise only the poorest of crops. To turning over an acre of ground every two German, Palatinate is climinated.

hours. Most of the sand is turned under in the first plowing,

SILICA GEL SWEETENS SMOKE

Smoke from rank tobacco can be sweetened by inserting a tube of silica gel in overcome the handicap, a super-plow was ripipestems and eigaret or eigar holders. designed and constructed with parts from Prof. J. Traube, of Germany, has found old tractors, trucks, scraps of boiler plate Libat silica gel, a common chemical widely and other junk. Weighing four tons, this & used 23 141 with resire and as an egg pregiant plow cuts a furrow several inches servative, removes from tobacco smoke deeper than the sand deposit, turning up tharmful tarry materials and coloring matthe rich soil which will increase productivity. Three tractors pull the big plow. Squality of the rank tobacco grown in the

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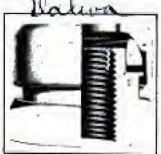
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Electric mosquitd sirens to lure the insects to their death by imitating the "hum" of the females may be developed to rid homes of these pests as the result of a chance discovery made recently by Prof. Elihu Thomson, of the General Electric company. He was operating an electric furnace in fusing a sixty-six-inch quartz disk for making an astronomical mirror and noticed that thousands of mosquitoes swarmed over the furnace pit, only to be killed by the scorehing air. An investigation indicated that the male mosquitoes were being attracted by the hum of the electric equipment which was mistaken for the song of the females, Pro-

fessor Thomson said that it is not necessary to have an electric furnace to catch mosquitoes, however, for it is easy to build an electromagnetic "hummer" which, at small expense of energy, will spread over a large area the peculiar noise that attracts the males, perhaps at the same time repelling the females which do the hiting. Once attracted, the insects might be killed in various ways, resulting in curtailing the egg laving of the females.

LOCKNUT FOR TRUCK WHEELS

Reduction in the number of costly delays to which automotive trucks are sub-



ject by wheels coming off may be obtained through use of a self-locking nut which holds the wheel firmly. The locking device prevents loosening of the wheel nut from

vibration and road shocks are absorbed before they reach the nut.

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WHEN THE LAW IS REVERSED ON ROPE RAILWAY

Tilting the outer edge higher than the inner on curves in roads and railroads is a common enough experience, made necessary by the centrifugal force of a body moving on a more or less circular track, but tilting the banking the other way about is a phenomenon. Although it might give reason for one to doubt his own vision, it is a necessary provision on rope-hauled railways such as are used in mining operations. If the trucks are hauled on tracks tilting inward there is danger of the rope pulling them off the track.

ALUMINUM FREIGHT CAR SAVES TEN TONS IN WEIGHT 3.200

Several aluminum freight cars have recently been built for testing purposes, in the hope that they may help solve part of the financial problem facing the railways. They are hopper-bottom cars constructed almost entirely of this one metal, and on a standard-size car with a capacity of 140,000 pounds the aluminum construction results in a weight saving of 21,000 pounds. In a sixty-car train, this would represent a reduction of over 600 tons in material, which is equal to nearly nine additional cars.

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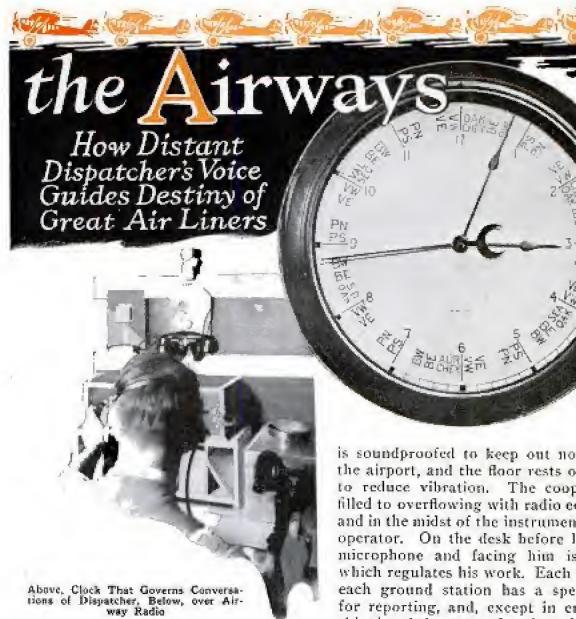


Above. Pilot Talking with Radio Dispatcher; Left, Examining Weather Reports at a Ground Station

In a soundproof cage suspended under the roof of a United Air Lines bangar at Chicago, a young man with headphones clamped to his ears sits at a desk talking into a microphone. He speaks a strange jargon of seemingly meaningless words into the transmitter, then stops and listens. In a moment the pilot of a transport plane, 300 miles away and 5,000 ieet up, replies to his message.

The second hand of a clock moves over a face containing letters instead of numbers, and a minute later the young man is conversing with another flyer out on the airways who has been awaiting his turn to talk. The man at the mike is a radio operator of station WUCG, the busiest radio station in the world. He and others like him are engaged in a new profession, born with the advancement of air transportation.

The radio-telephone man is the modern evolution of the railroad dispatcher. Like the key pounder of the past who ordered the crew of the local freight to take a sid-



ing for the night express, the radio man transmits to transport pilots the orders and information supplied by his superiors, and in turn receives from the flyers reports on the progress of scheduled planes,

Radio today rules the airways just as telegraph wires govern the rails. From coast to coast and from California to Mexico, a network of ground stations keeps a constant check on every transport plane in the air, the communication system between planes and ground enabling the radio operator at any time to tell within twenty miles the location of any ship in his territory,

The radio operator does his job in surroundings as drab as those of the train dispatcher. Station WUCG, for instance, roosts in a little coop under a hangar roof, reached by a stair and catwalk. The cage

is soundproofed to keep out noises from the airport, and the floor rests on springs to reduce vibration. The coop itself is filled to overflowing with radio equipment, and in the midst of the instruments sits the operator. On the desk before him is his microphone and facing him is a clock which regulates his work. Each plane and each ground station has a specific time for reporting, and, except in emergency, this time is kept to a fraction of a second.

About the face of the clock are letters, each representing a plane or ground sta-As the second hand indicates the minute represented by one of these letters, the radio man begins talking with the pilot who has been advised beforehand when he is to report. The conversation must be limited, for the operator has another speaking engagement with another pilot in sixty seconds.

Each ground station is responsible for ships within a radius of about 300 miles, and when a plane passes out of this radius or division, it begins reporting to a succeeding ground station. At frequent intervals, the ground stations communicate with each other, this time also being specified on the radio clock. A message from Chicago, for instance, about a departing plane is relayed from one ground station

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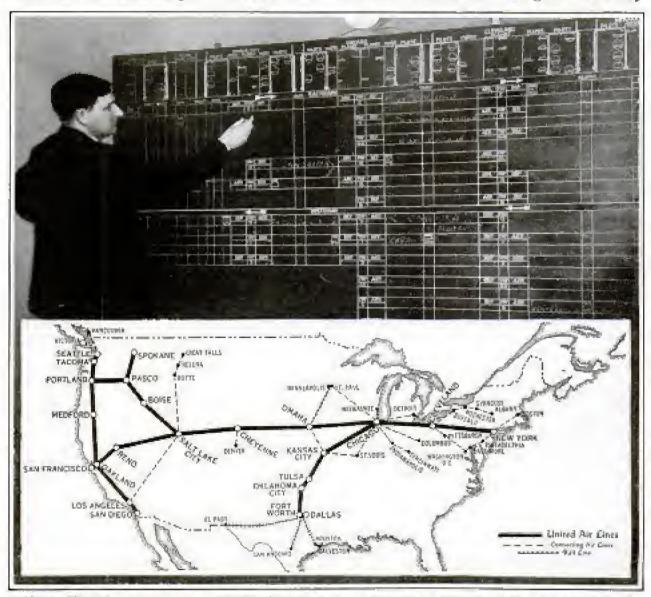
to another, and back over the air to the sending station will come weather reports from the ground stations in sequence, or other information. Such a relay usually consumes a minute or less.

Every minute of every day and night, one of three operators at these ground stations has on the headphones and is listening for possible trouble. The two words that galvanize the operator to action are "May day" and "Pan." "May day" is an Americanization of the French "m'aidez" meaning "help me," and is spoken by a pilot only when his ship is out of control and is believed to be crashing. It is followed by the pilot's location, "Pan" is the aviator's way of saying "Stand by." It indicates that the pilot is in difficulty of some sort and wants the operator to listen for him until he gets out of it. The

word is always a signal for other communication to cease and turn the ether over to the pilot and his problem. Like the SOS for ships, it is very rarely used, and in two years only two "Pans" have been transmitted over one airway's communication system.

Words are golden over the radio telephone and the brief time available to perform the necessary communications has forced adoption of a language of abbreviations although no code is employed, because it has been found that pilots usually are too busy to try to decipher code in the brief space allotted them to talk. A typical message from a pilot running into bad weather to his ground station might read like this:

"Gravis 111 south bound 10 S Waterman 500 10 S Waterman ceiling 500 visibility



Above, Flight Board of a Transport Line on Which the Position of Each Pilot Is Checked as He Reports by Radio Several Times Hourly; Below, United Air Lines Rouse Map

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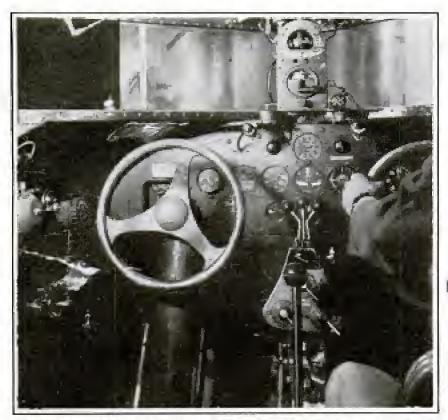
I weather becoming worse returning Chicago." Translated into ordinary terms, this report shows that it comes from Pilot Gravis in ship number 111, proceeding south and at a point ten miles south of Waterman, Ill. At this point the flyer is at an altitude of 500 feet where he has encountered clouds and can see for only a radius of one mile. He has advised the operator that he is turning back because of the bad flying weather.

The weather is the chief and all-important subject of conversation on the airway radio. When one plane calls another, it is usually to report on weather conditions encountered. Each regular communication between a pilot and a ground station includes a brief summary of weather conditions. In good weather, each pilot reports to the ground station of the division checking him at intervals of twenty minutes. When he encounters bad weather the time between reports is cut to ten Often the Chicago station is following half a dozen planes in the air at once, and on special occasions when traffic is heavy, there are often twentyfive or more ships reporting in the space of an hour. Every twenty-four hours, the station follows twenty-four mail and passenger planes along their routes with weather reports at twenty-minute intervals, and every hour the operator speaks to thirty-four ground stations. The pilot reporting from the air always gives his name, number of his ship, position, altitude and condition of the weather, his motor and his plane. In return he receives weather reports, instructions and information about reservations,

While the pilot must follow instructions, when possible, he is supreme as far as his ship is concerned. He may be ordered to make a landing at a certain field to take aboard a passenger, but he can disregard the instruction if he considers it dangerous to come down, or if some other emergency arises to make a landing inadvisable. The pilot himself keeps no log of the information given him by radio or of that he transmits, but a careful record of both is preserved by the ground station to which he reports.

In some instances, radio operators have

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Pilot's Cabin of a Large Transport Ship, Showing the Instrument Board; Radio Controls Are at the Extreme Left

acted as the eyes as well as the ears for pilots in trouble. In tests, pilots flying over a field invisible to them because of fog have been maneuvered, by the radio operator, into a position making it safe to land. The operator simply listened to the motor as the ship hovered overhead out of sight, giving the pilot instructions as to his location. This, of course, cannot be done if the visibility is zero, but where the fog or clouds are 100 feet or more high, the pilot is directed to the proper position, then takes charge of the landing himself as he comes low enough to see the field.

H. F. Faulkner, once a seagoing commercial operator, is in charge of WUCG. He estimates that sixty per cent more schedules are kept since pilots are directed by radio telephone, than before.

CROP OF PHEASANTS RAISED ON IOWA FARM

An Iowa farmer has converted his land into a game-breeding preserve. His biggest and most lucrative "crop" is ring-necked pheriants which he sells to state game and conservation departments and hunting creates. He sells both the "stock" birds and the eggs, receiving twenty cents

each for the latter and an average of \$2.50 each for his birds. In one season, he sold 1,800 birds and 28,000 eggs. Ten acres sufficed to raise them. The only fixed charge was \$2 a year for a game breeder's license. Bantam hens are kept to mother the little pheasants so their mothers will continue to lay. The farm now is experimenting with wild turkeys.

MACHINE DEALS BRIDGE CARDS IN TEN SECONDS

Offered to prevent the embarrassment of a "misdeal," a mechanical dealer for playing cards is now on the market. All the cards can be dealt in

ten seconds, thirteen to each player, by making thirteen complete turns of a small knob on top of the device. The cards are said to last much longer if the machine is used than when shuffled and dealt by hand. Old and new cards are handled with the same accuracy,

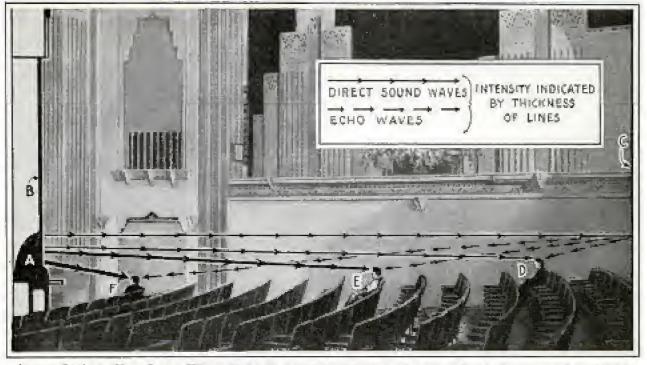


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Where You Hear Best in the Talkie Theater

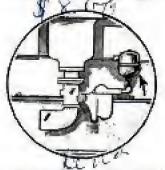


Arrows Indicate How Sound Waves Etho in the Talkie Theater, Showing That Persons Seated at Front or Rear Are Likely to Hear Better Than Those near the Middle

Few movie patrons know that the position of their seats in many theaters affects the clearness of the sound they will hear from the screen. Except in houses built to muffle echoes, a "mushy" or blurred sound comes to the ears of those near the middle section. It is caused by the fact that sound, delivered from the stage by the loud speaker, echoes from the rear wall of the theater. The words or music travel to the spectator in the middle of the theater, then bounce off the rear wall and return again to his ears. The human ear does not detect the distinct echo, but the interval between the sound and echo is sufficient to cause a slight blurring. This blurring is more noticeable near the middle of the theater than at either front or back. The patron seated well forward gets a loud volume from the speaker and an echo so faint as to be imperceptible. The person at the rear receives a lesser volume, but the echo comes so quickly afterward as to be unnoticeable. In a wellfilled theater, the mushiness is not so disturbing to the sensitive ear as in one only partly full. Theaters built since the advent of the talkies usually are constructed to take care of the echo problem by providing sound traps and broken angles as well as by the use of non-reverberating materials.

WAY TO PREVENT "VAPOR LOCK" IN AUTOS IS FOUND (1), 97

"Vapor-lock," one of the bugbears of modern motoring, resulting in surging, stumbling, "flat spots," jerking, hard starting and many other engine ills, has been obviated, according to the makers of a



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new accessory, quickly installed on any car. Vapor lock is the result of heating the modern highly volatile gasoline in the fuel line. At spots in the line where there is ex-

cessive heat, the fluid gasoline vaporizes, forms bubbles and sets up resistance to the even flow of the fuel. The new accessory makes use of a principle well known in the installation of hot-water heating plants in the home, and places an expansion chamber and vent in the fuel line near the carburetor. It works equally well on all feed systems, it is claimed.

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Building of This Model Cathedral Occupied the Young Artist More than a Year

-FOOT CATHEDRAL IS CUT OUT WITH SCROLLSAW

Intricate designs which decorate a miniature cathedral built by a St. Louis youth were cut with a scrollsaw. More than a year was spent in building the six-foot model. Three-sixteenths-inch veneer of white pine wood was used for the designs.

MONKEYS TAKE SUNSHINE MILK AS CURE FOR RICKETS

Monkeys at the New York zoological park now get synthetic sunshine in their milk, this form of treatment for rickets taking the place of the sun lamps previously used. The feeding of sunshine milk is still in the experimental stage, but if it proves entirely successful for occupants of the monkey house, children in the slums eventually may receive artificial sunshine from the same diet. Monkeys in captivity always have been a source of trouble because of rickets, but the advent of ultraviolet-ray lamps brought a new era of light to the monkey houses in zoos. The lamps were placed outside the cages and the lights turned on the occupants. The monkeys liked the novelty entirely too well, and crowded to the bars to stare into the reflectors with the result that many developed inflammation of the eyelids. About six months ago, the sunshine-milk

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diet was started. The milk is dehydrated and spread out in powder form on rollers, As it passes along the rollers, the ultraviolet light is turned on to impart a sort of synthetic vitamin D,

ELEVATORS FOR "RADIO CITY" MAKE RECORD PURCHASE

Builders of "Radio City" in New York have awarded what is declared to be the largest contract for elevators ever placed in the world's history. For the main building of seventy stories alone there will be eighty-two miles of steel elevator cable and eleven miles of copper cable, the combined weight of which will be more than 150 tons. The machine-room equipment for the twenty-eight "high rise" elevators will weigh about 33,000 pounds, and that for the thirty-two "low rise" cages about 23,000 pounds. The combined weight of this and the elevators, not including cables, will be over 1,000 tons. The signaling systems are said to be the largest and most ornate ever developed.

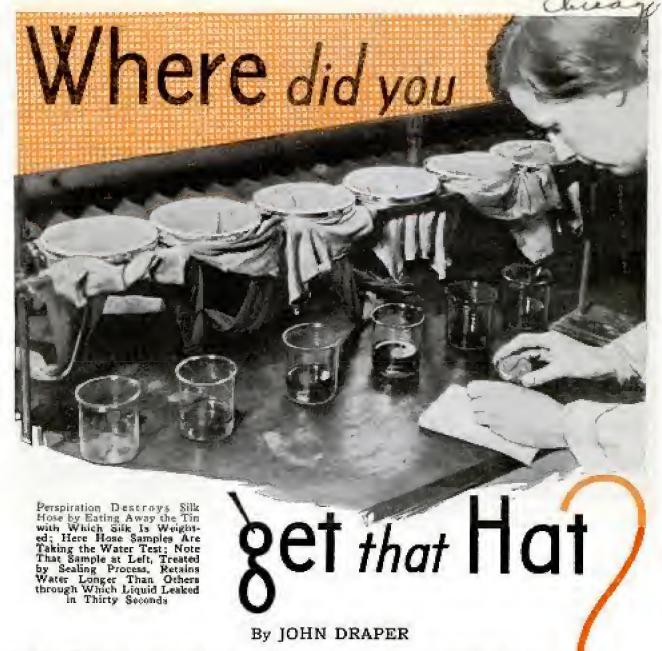
NOZZLE FERTILIZES THE LAWN WHILE YOU SPRINKLE I'

Practically all the effort is removed from fertilizing the lawn and the task is said. to be done more efficiently by a new spray device that attaches to the water hose when you sprinkle the grass. It consists of a solid brass nozzle to which is attached a small rubber

placed in a container of fertilizer and the force of the water draws it up and distributes it in the correct proportion as the lawn is sprayed. Any kind of fertilizer can be used. In addition to its advantages in fertilizing lawns, the apparatus is effective in the spraying of insecticides, disinfectants, lime or oil emulsions in chicken bouses, brooders and similar places.

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YOUR price is too high," you tell the storekeeper. He does not argue with you, because value is a hidden quality only revealed by use, but he does tell the manufacturer.

"All right," says the manufacturer, "I have got to give people what they want, or my workers will have no jobs. Here is something that looks just as good, but it only costs half as much,"

Which helps to explain why you may appear in an "ash-can" hat, part of someone else's cast-off suit, silk hose composed of fifty-five per cent tin and a beautiful shirt filled with starch or clay. "It pays to buy the best you can afford, and things are usually worth just about what you pay for them," declares Dr. E. H. Harvey, whose business it is to find the hidden

values in merchandise, Despite its slovenly name, the ash-can hat is a fact—one hat out of every eight sold having been rescued from the ash barrels of the nation, or from other places where old headgear are left as worthless, according to Warren S. Smith, an official of the Hat Institute of America. Forty-five factories in the United States are turning out 250,000 dozen such headpieces each year.

So elever is the manipulation given to the alley tramp that very close inspection, and some knowledge of hats, are necessary for its detection. New hats are made from a double handful of some kind of fur, ranging from the fur of the coney to that of the beaver. The felts made from these furs last for a long time and, when

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originally from high-grade virging wood, leads a longer and more varied life than the hat. After one or two trips to the secondhand man, the old suit is collected by the rag picker in whose hands it is joined by other suits of similar quality, and sent to textile mills for reworking. The number of times the wool in an old suit can be used to make a new suit depends entirely upon the original length of the fiber.

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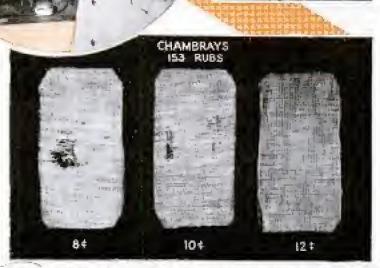
discarded, may be turned inside out, cleaned thor-

oughly, doped with powders and shellac, reblocked, relined with showy silk, adorned with a new sweat band and put back on the market.

Aside from price and reliability of the dealer, the best safeguard against becoming the owner of an ash-can hat is to compare the underside of the brim with the outer part of the crown. Almost invariably there will be a difference both in shade and texture, due to the action of the sun in fading the color, and the wear that the clean-

ing process has entailed. The average hat of this kind cannot stand more than two visits to the cleaners. The last trip will break the felt beyond the power of powder and shellac to mend. Such relies then leave the field of male millinery and enter that of female headgear. They are sold for use in making flowers and other ornamental finery.

A suit of clothes, provided it is made



Machine Which Tests Wearing Quality of Cloth, and Charts Showing Result of Rubbing Test for Materials

to tell 'how old is Ann' as to tell how many lives a good woolen suit has," declares Doctor Harvey. "After the fiber becomes too short to be reworked into cloth, it is called 'mungo.' This is used chiefly as a filler to add strength to cheap felted material. It also may be used in insulation. Woolen fibers that are too short for that purpose are known as 'flocks,' and frequently find their way into roofing pa-

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per or similar material." But if things are not always what they seem in men's clothing, they even more frequently are something else in women's material. Many a new silk garment contains far more tin than silk, and maybe some rayon or cotton, too. Indeed, a dainty garment may have the feel of purest silk, yet contain one-fourth more tin than raw silk by weight. It is true that this ratio is higher than that adopted by most reputable manufacturers, but hity-five per cent tin in silk is quite acceptable,

And there are other strange facts. Feathers are almost always present in down, for example. The old idea was that it came from the eider duck, and that all feathers had been picked out by hand. Such a pillow no longer is standard. Under present methods of manufacturing, no matter whether the down is from the eider or any other water fowl, as all true down must be, the presence of a maximum of twenty per cent of feathers is expected and permitted in a down cushion, under a ruling of the federal trade com-A pillow stuffed with down mission. alone is less buoyant than one which contains a limited quantity of feathers.

The lesson in all this is first to deal with a reputable merchant and then to consid-

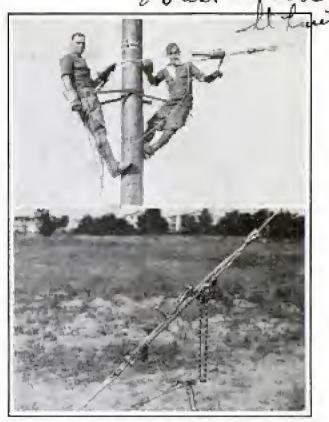
er quality before first cost.

03/28 CONTRACT-BRIDGE CALCULATOR SPEEDS UP THE GAME

Speeding up the game by saving players the trouble and time of figuring their scores, a calculator for contract and auction bridge is now on the market. It is combined with a score pad.



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Guy Wires and Telephone Lines Are Easily Stretched with This Light-Weight Chain Hoist

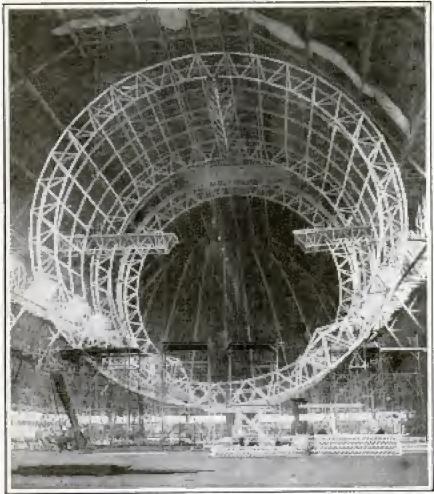
EASILY PORTABLE CHAIN HOIST WEIGHS THIRTY POUNDS

Although weighing only thirty pounds, a portable chain hoist recently developed is capable of exerting a pull of several thousand pounds. It is operated by a hand-crank and double-wormgear arrangement, and the load can be held at any point without a catch of any kind. A ratchet is provided in either direction for operating positions in which a full turn of the crank is impossible, such as close corners. The hoist has found particular favor with road and repair crews in such work as pulling guy wires, stretching lines, tightening fences and by mechanics for lifting engines from autos and trucks,

RAILWAY STATION HAS MOVIES TO AMUSE TRAVELERS B. 30 7.

One Paris railway station has installed movies for the entertainment of travelers forced to wait for trains. The entertainment is continuous and consists mainly of news reels and short comic films. The little railway theater makes a small charge, and the innovation has proved popular among those having half an hour to kill before train time.

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Like a Giant Spiderweb, the Metal Skeleton of the Dirigible "Akron's" Sister Ship, "ZRS-5," Is Taking Shape in the Construction Hangar

SKELETON OF GIANT DIRIGIBLE RAPIDLY TAKING SHAPE

Framework of the giant "ZRS-5," sister ship of the "Akron," is rapidly being placed in position at the builder's dock in Akron. The third of the main rings recently was raised, giving the inside of the hangar the appearance of a huge metallic spiderweb. The second of the navy's super-zeps is to be approximately the twin of the first, according to the original specifications, with only such minor changes as may be suggested by the actual testing of the "Akron" in flight. Such tests have been held regularly since the launching of the first air cruiser. The main rings of the "ZRS-5" are 133 feet in diameter.

Popular Mechanics Magazine does not publish the name of the maker or seller of any device described in its pages, but this information will be furnished free upon application to our Bureau of Information.

PATENTS SPEEDED TO SAVE TIME OF INVENTOR

During 1931, the patent office passed on 20,128 more applications than were received in that period, doing fourteen months' work in twelve in order to cut down by two months the period of time an inventor must wait for official action on his application. At the beginning of 1931, there were 110,402 applications awaiting action, and at its close, the number was 90,274. This progress was made despite an incoming 20,000 amended applications per month, an increase of 2,000 a month over the number received two years ago. The decrease in applications for new patents, amounting to less than 10,000 in 1931 as compared with 1930. did not compensate for the increase in the num-

ber of amendments filed. Applications for new patents in 1931 numbered 79,513. All work of the patent office is now less than seven months behind applications, compared with nine months a year ago.

SIGNAL POSTS ON CAR FENDERS HAVE MIRRORS AND LIGHTS

One pair of auto fixtures now combines half a dozen separate accessories, including fender guides, driving migrors, parking

lights, side floodlights, trouble lights and signal lights. All these are incorporated in two upright frames, one for the outer edge of each front fender. The frames rise high



enough to serve as fender guides. At the base of the posts are floodlights which can

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be operated separately to direct rays to either side of the road. Above the flood-lights rectangular frames are mounted, containing mirrors at the rear and fender parking lights at the front. The parking lights can be turned and focused on any part of the car to serve as trouble lights. The signal lights are in the form of flashing arrows, at both front and rear of the signal posts. The rear arrows flash red and the front amber, to indicate turns.

BULK FREIGHT BOXED IN STEEL WINS CARLOAD RATES 17.

Designed particularly for the transportation of sand, cement and similar bulk commodities, a new type of all-metal container was recently demonstrated on the Pennsylvania railroad. Development of this type is the latest step in the extension of container service, now available for general merchandise between the larger stations. More than 4,000 of the containers are in service. The method provides shippers with the means to move less-than-carload shipments on schedules comparable with carload lots. Twelve containers are loaded on the standard "gondola," placed and unloaded by giant cranes.



These Steel Containers for Freight Are Carried at Low Rates by One U. S. Railroad



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Blind persons can read any printed book with the aid of the "photoelectograph," a machine which uses the photo-electric cell, or "electric eye," to pick out each letter and establish connection with the blind reader's board, which is read by contact with the fingers. Thus, a "B" on the printed page is flashed to the blind person's fingers through the board and is read as it appeared in the book. The machine was invented by a blind French engineer.

TRICKS OF CUTTING GOLD BARS ENRICH PARIS JEWELERS 03-123

As a result of the huge gold surplus held in the vaults of the bank of France, the government recently began selling ingots of the precious metal to its citizens in exchange for silver and paper money. Immediately upon receiving the gold at the bank, a jeweler is sought. The owner often is overjoyed to find the jeweler willing to cut the brick into portions without any charge whatever. When the bar has been divided the jeweler casually sweeps the dust on the floor and bows his patron out. The saw he uses in such cases is unusually coarse and thick, and the average amount of gold dust retained and resold amounts to about \$20.

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SALT DESERT TO BECOME LAKE FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS (P)-/02

Oklahoma's great salt desert, extending over 40,000 acres, is to be transformed into a lake and refuge for migratory fowl. It has long been an enigma to scientists and a wonder to visitors. On its sunblistered surface of salt, only four forms of life exist, two insects and two plants. At one time it was believed the salt plain represented old lake bottoms, but now some authorities believe the expanse of salt is the result of the weathering of soil that will not support enough vegetation to prevent excessive erosion. Millions of years ago, it is believed, the salt was laid down by shallow seas. Being soluble, it does not appear on the surface as rock, but "sweats up" out of the ground, covering a large area of prairie with a white frosting varying in depth from a thin coat to several inches. The plains have been used for outings because it is cool there at night, and flies and mosquitoes are absent. Farmers also have collected salt there for cattle, When the region is turned into a lake and becomes a bird refuge, the body of water will represent the largest artificial salt lake in the United States.

MOVABLE HEAD ON FLASHLIGHT THROWS BEAM ANYWHERE

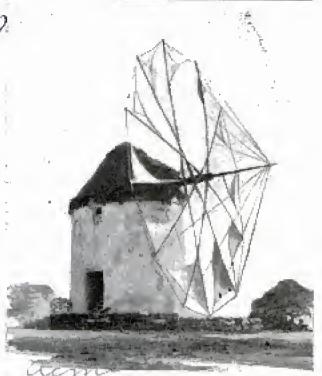
Beams from a flashlight with a turnable head can be thrown in any direction with the light standing in an upright position, merely by moving the lens. The current is carried by two side arms that support the movable head, and standard sizes of light batteries are used. The lens is of the ticularly useful to mechanics and electri-



Flashlight with a Movable Head, Making It Easier to Focus the Beams in Any Direction

cians who must use both hands at their likes and dislikes are modified by age also tasks, since the beam can be focused directly on the work from any near-by points, when only [three months old.

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Some of the Oldest Sources of Power in Greece Are Windmills Like That Above

WINDMILLS LIKE SPIDER WEBS SUPPLY POWER IN GREECE

Although Holland is known as the country of windmills, some of the oldest and most picturesque of these sources of power are to be found in Greece, particularly in Myconos, the windmill town on the isle of the same name. These primitive windmills bear little resemblance to those in Holland, but look like giant spider webs and are run on short towers.

CHILDREN PREFER RED COLORS AND GROWN-UPS BLUE 12. 16 3

Red is the favorite color of infants, and universal-focus type, and the light is pare the average baby will give a red toy preference over yellow, blue or green, which follow red in the order named. This is the conclusion of a psychologist who conducted a series of color experiments with children. As they grow older, they continue to prefer red until they reach school age . when a preference for blue asserts itself, yellow dropping far/down the scale. In adults, the general preference for blue is were strong, with vellow even lower as a choice color. The tests to show that color 'indicated that infants respond to colors

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with a request for a gold assay.

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"We not only told the owner of the sample that his sand contained gold and lots of it," Herman said, "but also that the gold had been added to the sample. It had been salted.

"We became suspicious because there has never been any very rich ore taken from that district, and so were much surprised when the assay showed a gold value of about \$1,800 per ton. Although I felt certain the sample had been salted, to prove it was a different matter.

"Our first job was to separate some of the original gold from the sand with-

out melting it as in the fire assay. We accomplished this by panning in the same way a prospector does in the hills. Some of the sand is swirled in a pan with water. The gold, being heavier than the sand, settles to the bottom of the pan while the water carries away the worthless gangue. We separated in this way enough of the gold to complete our tests.

"Under the microscope, the gold parti-

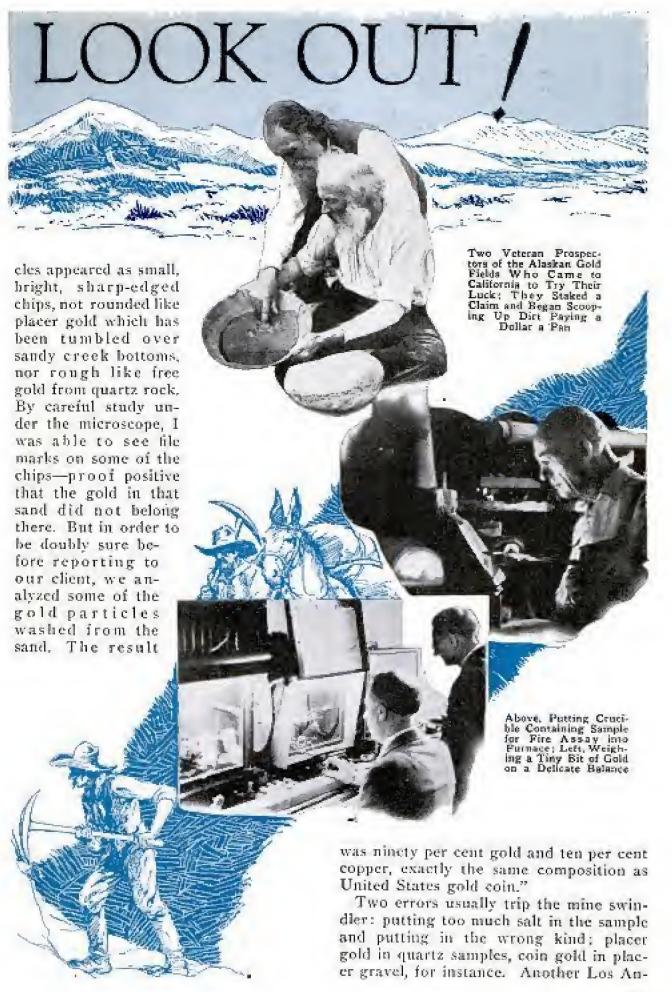
Prospector Placing a Pile of Stones on a Claim He Has Staked Out for Himself

LL that glitters is not gold," runs the old saying, but even if it is gold, be careful when you buy a mine,

Unscrupulous owners. dishonest promoters, and sometimes even overzealous citizens, add "a pinch

of salt" in a desperate effort to close a sale. Mine salting, the secret addition of gold to mine samples in order to increase their value, has reappeared with the reawakening of the Mother Lode, the Randsburg, and other gold-mining districts in California, Arizona and elsewhere in the

John Herman, a Los Angeles assayer, recently received a sample of black sand



geles assayer tells his experience about misfit gold.

"I assayed a lot of samples from a placer property and the results gave the engineer who owned them 'the smile that doesn't come off.' Additional samples taken later showed only traces of goldtwenty to forty cents per ton. The original samples, which I had preserved, were washed down carefully in the gold panyes, sure enough, there was the gold, but it just didn't look right, because it was in little round spongy globules of various sizes. Under the microscope, I saw that the spongy effect was caused by escaping gases. We made many surmises as to the origin of the gold before I compared the gold in the pan with some from roasted Cripple Creek ore. The samples had been salted with gold from cabinet specimens of roasted telluride ores from Cripple Creek, Colo. This was almost as surprising as it would be for a fisherman to catch a herring already kippered."

Many things are used for salting. Among them are placer gold, gold from quartz veins, gold leaf, gold coin, jewelers' sweeps, dental gold and even liquid gold in the form of gold-chloride or gold-cyanide solution. The gold-solution method

tected quickly. An engineer was investigating a property in Arizona, the sale of which was to involve nearly \$500,000. Because of the previous production of the mine, the samples were expected to run about \$6.50 to \$7 gold per ton, but instead they ran from \$12 to \$14 per ton.

Although at first not suspicious, the engineer took his usual precautions against salting. The first lot of samples assayed were from the property he was investi-The second lot, which showed nearly as much gold as the first, were samples of barren rock taken from a different location. The third lot of samples were of blacksmith coal. The salters had done a thorough job. Gold ore, barren rock, and blacksmith coal all ran about \$12 per ton! A hypodermic-needle full of goldcyanide solution had been injected into each sample bag.

Perhaps the oldest method of mine salt-



taking their samples directly from the face of the rock, they would pick off a layer of the surface. If the rock was too hard for that they would drill a round of holes and blast out some of the rock before taking their sample. But the mine salters were only a step behind.

An engineer was told by the owners of a mine he was investigating, "We want you to take your samples all by yourself. You will find plenty of powder in the boiler house."

Reassured by this attitude, the engineer shot out some rock using the dynamite belonging to the mine. When assayed, the samples were considerably higher in gold content than the engineer thought they should be. He went



Above, Taking Sample in Tunnel for Assay; Below, Working a "One-Man" Gold Mine in Glacier National Park

back to the mine, carefully took other samples without blasting and brought back a few sticks of the dynamite. These new samples had much less gold in them, but the dynamite had a little pinch of powdered gold in the end of each stick. When the shot was fired, gold was sprayed all over the rock.

Another trick, similar to the salted dy-

namite, was used in the Buffalo Hump country in Idaho. Instead of putting the gold dust into the dynamite, the salter put it into the hole in the center of the drill steel, then plugged the hole with plumbago, or something else the same color as the steel. When the steel was hammered in drilling the powder hole, the plug of gold dust and plumbago came out in the hole, the shot scattered the gold, and the sample was thoroughly salted.

Even though his work is successful, the salter is not always the winner. Some years ago, two men who owned a claim near Leadville, Colo., took a little gold out of their mine, but got it so slowly that they could not keep up their grocery hill. So they brought to their grocer some

salted samples. Although the salting was crudely done, the grocer, a greenhorn in the mining business, cleared their bill and gave them a few dollars in each for their claim. Then he sent a couple of men to start taking out ore. They needed only a few days to detect the swindle; but, because jobs were scarce, they kept on digging. In a few days they uncovered a vein



of rich silver, and later the grocer was able to retire a multimillionaire on the profits from his salted gold mine.

Placer gold, the metal which has been washed down from a higher lode by erosion, is often used for salting. Although placer ground is more difficult to salt than a lode mine, a Los Angeles mining engineer almost brought about the purchase of a salted property.

"I was sent out to look at some property in Nevada," said the engineer, "Being in the middle of the winter, the ground was frozen solid. After several vain attempts to dig out enough gravel for samples, I built several fires to thaw out the ground. The sacks of samples were scaled and packed in wooden boxes. Values of about \$4.50 to \$5 per cubic yard were indicated, which made it a rather valuable property—worth about \$225,000. I recommended the purchase, but because of some financial difficulty, my clients did not close.

"The next spring, after the ground had thawed out, I was in the same country again, so, just for fun, I took another set of samples. Much to my dismay, these turned out to be 'skunks.' They showed no trace of gold. Looking for a reason for this astonishing disagreement, I took samples of the wood pile. When these were assayed, they showed that all the gold was in the fire wood where the salters had put it. It was lucky for me the deal

did not go through," Many tricks are used to introduce the gold into the sample. Cigarets are soaked in gold-chloride solution and dried. When they are smoked, the ashes, flicked into a sample, raise its value considerably. Gold dust mixed with clay is caked under the finger nails of the man doing the panning. It is a simple matter to release into the pan a charge of gold which will give a "good string of colors."

"Mental salting" is the term given by Kent Knowlton, a mine and claim dealer of Randsburg, Calif., to certain kinds of swindles. The usual procedure is for "geologists" to prepare subsurface-structure maps which show that a rich vein of ore traverses the promoter's claim. Stock is sold, but only about one-third of the money is spent in sinking a shaft. The rest goes into the promoter's pocket. A mine near Randsburg was sunk to a depth of 1,400 feet at a cost of \$350,000 without finding gold.

Gold mines are not the only ones salted. Tongsten, platinum, silver; anything of high value may be salted. The plains of Montana were once salted with diamonds and other gem stones.

"Many and devious are the ways of mine salters," a western consulting engineer says, "but if the examining engineer and the assayer are honest and careful, it is almost impossible for mine salting to go undetected." Jan. 20,1932 POPULAR MECHANIC B-116 driv. Enoch a

SUBMERGED PEAK IN SEA BELIEVED TWO MILES HIGH

Hydrographers are searching for a submerged mountain, 10,000 feet high, in the Pacific ocean about 300 miles west of the Costa Rican coast as the result of soundings that have been taken in this territory, known as Guardian bank, an under-water plateau. A naval vessel recently reported a sounding indicating a shoal there, but dother vessels were unable to relocate the spot, as has been the case previously. This has led to the Thelief that the sounding Sis directly over a mountain peak that may be a menace to navigation,

particularly since some vessels in the area have reported tide rips and disturbed waters. Every effort is being made to chart this towering peak of the seas by hydrographic-survey ships because its location will not only aid navigation, but will interest geologists who may study phenomena like those which resulted in the formation of the American continent.

MICROMETER IN WATCH SHAPE IS EASIER TO OPERATE

Shaped like a watch, a micrometer that is easier to operate than the commonly



used form is now on the market. The instrument is equipped with a dial and pointer for quick and ac- " curate reading. Its size is calculated so that it will fit the operator's hand nicely,

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Easier Cultivation of All Kinds of Land Is Possible with This Plow; Note the Four Disks Which Speed Up Work

FIRST FOUR-WHEEL DISK PLOW IS SELF-SHARPENER

Fast and economical in operation, the world's first four-wheel disk plow has been patented and tested. Hard and stony soil is no obstacle to it, and it cuts evenly through wet and clay fields. Self-sharpening disks, absolute control of the four wheels in any movement, floating axleswhich cause only the frame to rise when the disks strike some obstacle, and a fast power hoist are some features of the plow. The hoist, by a three-fourths turn of the power wheel, lifts the plow completely out of the ground.

GLIDER IS STARTED LIKE A KITE TO AVOID CATAPULT SHOCK (13_13 3

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By starting his glider like a kite, a German fixer has found a way to avoid the sudden shock of catapulting the craft into the air. A steel wire, 500 feet long, is attached to the glider, which is headed into a strong breeze. Then, with the wind gently lifting the craft, the wire is payed out as the glider rises until the flyer has reached a suitable altitude. Then the wire is disconnected and dropped, and the glider soars away in free flight.

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Denver Horseshoer Who Has Equipped a Truck as a Blacksmith Shop and Now Hauls His Forge to the Horses

BLACKSMITH SHOP ON WHEELS GIVES QUICK SERVICE

One Denver horseshoer has placed his shop on wheels to speed up his service to customers. He found that his business was falling off because owners of highspirited horses objected to driving the nervous animals into town and over congested paved streets. The blacksmith therefore equipped a truck with a forge, a motor-driven bellows, an anvil and all the needed tools. He answers calls within a radius of 100 miles.

STEAM COOLING FOR AIRPLANE SPEEDS UP TAKE-OFF

Three new fast bombing planes and sis connected to a powerful new flying boat have been ex- fitting alongside it, perimentally equipped by the British-air \and in a second or ministry with steam cooling plants and two the plug is clean the results pronounced highly satisfactory. and ready for reinties are successful, will be adopted for all cleaning compound military planes with which the force is is furnished with now being equipped. The cooling apparatus to ratus means a considerable decrease in weight and results in quicker warm-upothan a thousand and take-off. No radiator is necessary, as plugs. The chamber a lighter and more compact steam con-thas a false bottom, denser takes its place. The amount of wa- periorated to allow ter needed for the cooling process is con-the air current to flow upward and bomsiderably less. While steam cooling has been receiving attention in England,

American planes have been experimenting with ethylene glycol as a cooling fluid, a liquid that has a higher boiling point than water, acts as an anti-freeze, and has a higher heat-transference rate.

ANTI-STUNTING RULE IS MOST VIOLATED BY FLYERS

Acrobatics, or stunt flying, led the list of offenses among the 331 violations of air-commerce regura lations during the last three months of 1931. There were 102 fewer violations in that period. than for the same period in 1930; Fifty-eight violations however. of the acrobatics clause and fifty two cases of too low flying were reported. Other violations in- 🛚

volved unlicensed pilots flying licensed planes and flying without navigation lights 2 or without identification numbers. Breaks ing the rules resulted in the imposition of fines, reprimands, suspensions and revocation or denial of licenses.

SPARK PLUGS CLEANED BY AIR B. 6 7 IN BLAST CHAMBER

Spark plugs are quickly and easily cleaned when inserted in a new device operating on the principle of the pond blast.

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Electric Switchman Rules Train Movements

Tiny levers, similar to ordinary light switches, have supplanted written orders and the heavy work of throwing cumbersome switches by hand on 159 miles of

track on the Boston and Maine railroad.

"There is an average of over 100 trains a day passing through my 'block'," said Arthur Killam, towerman at Winchester, "and I can control them easier than a telephone



Top, Operator at the Remote Control Switchboard; Above, Signals Operated by Remote Control

operator can get you a number. It isn't even necessary for me to see the trains. I could operate the switches and signals just as well from a downtown office building. And the system is foolproof."

He pointed to a cabinetlike control box, about five feet long, which is, in reality, a switchboard. Near the top of the board, in front of him, is a miniature layout of the signals, switches and rails in the district which his tower controls, the whole thing looking surprisingly like a toy railroad. Tiny electric lights give the location of all trains in, and approaching, the control section, the position of each switch and the indication shown on each signal light along the tracks. On this miniature railroad, the operator sees just what is

happening when he throws a switch or light out of sight, many miles away.

"It's just as if I had an electrical man," continued Killam; "a little fellow who was right here ready to do the job for me. When I want to change a signal or a switch, I move the lever, push the button, and this little man runs down the track, does the job and comes back and tells me it's done. And at the farthest switch he's back in eight seconds.

"You can't fool him either. When I move a lever and route a train through, it's impossible for me to put another train in its path. Once a train enters a route set for it, this equipment will not permit another train to be set against it. No matter how much I move the lever, nothing will happen until the train passes safely by. Furthermore, when a lever is moved and a switch changed, it cannot be changed back for two minutes. That's so the switch can't be thrown under a train."

By this amazing method of remote control, and with telephone and loud speaker replacing the old-time telegraph keys, Killam is able to control all signals, switches and trains much the same as a youngster his Christmas toy trains, which start and stop under his hand.

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AVest-Pocket sub will be used in a great hunt for sunken treasure. A more practical occupation, however, will be making available hitherto unreachable huge supplies of sea foods of a quality far surpassing anything on the market at present. "From the hundreds of letters that I have received," Mr. Lake said, "there Bridgefrost Com By JOHN F. COGGSWELL CIMON LAKE, inventor of submarines, has just launched a vest-pocket-size under-sea boat that is entirely different from any craft now in commission. Even beside the smallest naval submarine, it appears like a plaything, so diminutive is it. It is mounted on driving wheels so that it may roll along the ocean floor as an automobile along a highway. In fact,

the vessel looks more like a crudely built "dinkey" locomotive than a ship,

However, Mr. Lake regards this submarine as being of far greater importance to the world than all the war craft he has built. 'It is the first under-sea boat constructed solely for commercial and scientific purposes and is the result of thirty years of study. For thrills, the "baby"

Baby Submarine Equipped with Wheels so It Can Roll over the Sea Floor Like an Automobile

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seems to be a general impression that the new submarine has been developed as a sort of pleasure craft to give owners opportunity for new thrills cruising beneath the surface of the waters. Nothing could be farther from fact. The boat is designed for strictly utilitarian and scientific purposes and not for pleasure.

"The bottom of the ocean holds large beds of shellfish sufficient to supply the world with a great variety of low-priced food, if a method of gathering it cheaply can be found. This submarine is my answer to that problem. Our present supply of oysters, clams, scallops, mussels, lobsters and other shellfish comes





Top, Looking Down through Diving Compartment: Above, a View of Partly Completed Craft

only from the small expanse of beds that lie in shallow water. Men, in surface boats, lower dredges of various kinds to the bottom and bring up whatever luck gives them.

"Literally, these fishermen work in the dark. They cannot see what lies beneath the water; they can make no selection of what they bring up. Beyond a certain limited depth, they cannot work at all, yet many of the finest beds of shellfish, except oysters, lie deeper. Lying on the bottom in over a hundred feet of water, I have reached out through the diving door and picked up soft-shelled clams weighing a pound and a half each, which, when brought to the surface and cooked, proved far superior to the small clams gathered from mud flats near shore. I have seen beds of these giant clams stretching for miles.

"Among the features of the new submarine, all of which are protected by patents, are efficient dredges that, attached to the bow of the craft, will enable two men operating it to gather the shellfish in these deep-lying beds just as cleanly as a farmer harvests his grain with a binder. Furthermore, they will be able to see

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what they are taking, and thus harvest only those portions of the beds holding the choicest quality shellfish. The dredges will load the product into carriers for conveyance to a surface

craft.

"The sponge and pearl fisheries of the tropics are today operated as they were Native divers, with no centuries ago. equipment save a knife and a basket, plunge to the bottom, snatch a few sponges or pearl shells and carry them to the surface. The absolute limit of depth to which these swimmers can dive is fifty feet and their time of submergence is a minute and a half at the most. Attempts to use divers equipped with modern apparatus in these jobs have not been successful, the rough bottoms making it extremely difficult to get about. The new submarine will be able to locate the beds and gather more sponges or pearl shells in a few hours than all the native divers could in a week. Furthermore, the boat will be able to work beds lying at a

depth impossible for the divers to reach.

"Those strictly utilitarian jobs await the little craft. But in another field, often styled the greatest gamble in the world, I expect it to afford me the greatest thrills. One of my reasons for building this submarine was to have a craft capable of locating wrecks more easily and more quickly than by present methods.

"Oceanographers, naturalists, makers of under-sea pictures will find the new craft an ideal vehicle in which to pursue their investigations. They will be able to move it about as they wish and leave it for close study of marine growths whenever they desire. In the laying of submerged foundations, pipe lines and other structures, the craft should prove a valuable instrument.

"In both size and shape, this submarine

is entirely different from any under-sea craft now in operation. It differs in operation also. This is not a cruising, but an auxiliary, vessel. It will receive from a mother ship on the surface, over a cable,



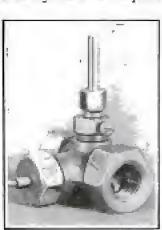
Top, the Conning Tower; Center, the Diving Door, and, Below, One of the Front Wheels of the Sub

electric current for moving the submarine and operating its machinery.

"The little craft is twenty-two feet long and seven feet deep and has a beam of seven feet. It will stand submergence to depths well over 200 feet. Small as it is, the interior has sufficient room for four men, although but two are needed for its operation. Whenever the man in the diving compartment so desires, the turn of a valve will raise the pressure in it to that of the surrounding water. Then he can open a door in the bottom, without water entering the craft. The door opens between the two front wheels. When he desires to get out and investigate any object at close range, the operator will simply don a diving helmet connected with a supply of compressed air-or an entire diving suit, if he is to stay out for some time-put on weighted shoes and slip down through the door onto the bottom."

ELECTRIC VALVE OF BALL TYPE SUBMERSIBLE IN WATER

Remote control at any distance is easily accomplished with an electric valve for gas or liquids recently developed. No motor is needed for operation of the valve, as it is of the ball type, actuated by magnets. No heavy pull is necessary as in most plunger-type valves, six-to-one leverage is available without friction, all parts are waterproof and the whole assembly can be operated under water if



necessary. One of its particular fields of usefulness, according to the makers, is in automatic gas water-heater installations. The valve is provided with a thermostat on the pilot flame which closes it should the flame be extinguished. This

eliminates the possibility of escaping gas. The valve can be operated by standard lighting switches, three or four-way, if necessary, and can be supplied in two sizes, the larger of which accommodates ordinary 110-volt house charent.

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PORTABLE CAR OR TRUCK LIFT RUNS ON HOUSE CURRENT



Powered by House Electric Current, This Jack Lifts.

Requiring no pit, air pipes, couplings or connections, a portable auto and truck lift has been developed, powered with an electric motor that operates on ordinary 110-volt house current. The lift merely is wheeled under the front or rear axle, the power turned on, and the car rises. Trestles are available that will hold either end in the air while the other end is being elevated. The average car can be fully lifted in approximately one minute. All vital parts move on ball and roller bearings, and power is applied through worm gearing. Capacity is 7,000 pounds and lift limits are from five to sixty-one inches.

ALL-PURPOSE ALUMINUM PAINT RESISTS HEAT AND ACIDS (3-/5).

Resisting heat and acids, an aluminum paint intended to protect wood, metal, fabric and stone is on the market. The paint is moisture-proof and withstands all weather elements. Surfaces coated with the liquid reflect between sixty and seventy per cent of the total light that falls on them, brightening up interiors. The coverage is said to be twice that of ordinary paints.

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HORSE FLIES TO RACE TRACK TO SAVE TIME

One race horse recently traveled fiftyseven miles in thirty minutes, but the trip was made in an airplane. It was desired to get the horse to the Mexican track at Agua Caliente in time for a workout the same day. The trip by van usually required three hours, so a large monoplane was pressed into service and the horse was placed in an improvised stall. horse was on the track and working fifteen minutes after the ship landed.

BOILING GEMS IN HONEY ADDS Ob-112. TO THEIR BEAUTY

Heat treatments are being used to make many gems more beautiful. Semi-precious stones in particular are subjected to various degrees of heat to enhance their color and sparkle. Agates, for instance, when boiled in honey, will absorb the substance. Then, when heated, the honey in the porcs of the agate is carbonized, and black or brown veins and spots are produced, making the stone more beautiful. The deep-yellow topaz is greatly enhanced Din value by its change to a delicate rosepink under heat. Zircon is second only to the diamond in fire and brilliancy when its color is removed by heating. Zircons, after treatment, often are used to incrust watch cases. Diamonds are sometimes changed by heating. Yellow stones may acquire the rose tint so eagerly sought if

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subjected to certain temperatures, but the yellow color usually returns after a few days.

"SUNSHINE" FOODS PUT VITAMINS IN MILK

Foods rich in vitamins are being fed to cows in an effort to produce milke which will contain all elements essential to growth and protection against certain diseases. Large, amounts of vitamin D. known as the "sunshine" vitamin, are contained by

the light-treated foods given the cows at experimental dairies. In theory the experiment is simple. It is merely the feeding of irradiated yeast to the cows, the vitamin content of the yeast being trans' ferred from the food to the cow's udder. This vitalization of milk is a development of Dr. Harry Steenbock's discovery of a way to introduce vitamins in food by treating it with certain light, rays.

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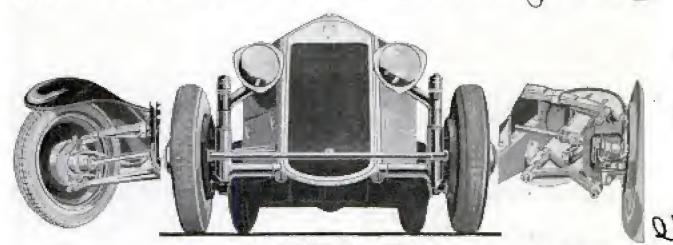
Ten tons of coal were used by a dealer in Ohio recently to build a house for advertising purposes. Large blocks form the walls, the hollow square being filled with smaller lumps. Coal "shingles," flatter blocks, were nailed to the roof frame and an oblong piece representing the chimney completed the building.



The Only Wood Used in This House Made of Coal Was in the Roof Frame and Door () www.

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Autos Without Axles Promise Easier Riding



In Europe, axles for automobiles are decreasing in popularity.
Instead of axles
each wheel spindle is attached
directly to the
spring by various
ingenious methods. The primary

Above and Below, Individually Spring Wheels; Right and Left, Two Different Spindles for Front-Wheel Drive

type of construction not only is riding quality improved but the car is much steadier at high speeds, especially on rough roads. So far as steadiness is concerned, a car

advantage is greatly improved riding quality due to the fact that unsprung weight is considerably reduced. Unsprung weight refers to all parts between the springs and the road. Obviously the more these parts weigh, the more severe the blows they exert on springs and body. Since axles are beavy, a marked improvement in riding quality can be obtained by eliminating them. The leader in this development, insofar as front axles are concerned, is the well-known Italian Lancia. Instead of a front axle there is a tubular framework, its lower member securely bolted to the frame and the upper member bracing the radiator and fenders. At the ends of these members are vertical members which support the wheel-spindle mechanism. The kingpin is a Jong tube supported by suitable guides. When the wheel is turned to left or right, the whole pin rotates in its guides. Likewise, when the wheel strikes a bump, the spindle and kingpin assembly moves upward, compressing the heavy coil spring which takes the place of the usual local spring for supporting the car. The mechanism inside the kingpin provides shock-absorber action as the interior is filled with oil, With the Lancia

spring should be thought of as a device for holding the wheels down into contact with the road. With large unsprung weight, the springs haven't sufficient stiffness to hold the wheels and axles on the road under all circumstances, unless these springs are objectionably stiff from a riding-quality standpoint. On the other hand, with the greatly reduced unsprung weight obtained with the Lancia construction, the springs are adequate to hold the wheels to the road even if the surface is quite rough and the speed high. Another advantage of the Lancia construction is that it eliminates high-speed shimmy. This phenomenon in conventional cars occurs because the front wheels are rigidly tied together so that road irregularities may start the wheels flapping in sympathy with each other and the shimmy results, whereas, with the Lancia design, the wheels move up and down independently of each other and therefore shimmy cannot occur. Braking is also simplified as the easter angle is constant regardless. of brake application.

■The average radio set is used 4.04 hours daily, a recent survey shows.

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Design for a Rocket Plane Intended for a Trip to the Stratosphere; Note Unusual Streamline Treatment and the Odd Sides

TAIL WOULD HELP LIFT PLANE PROPELLED BY ROCKETS

Rockets are to furnish the power for an airplane designed by a German engineer-for a flight to the stratosphere, but the rockets will not do all the lifting of this artificial comet. Instead, the whole tail is developed as a lifting surface which is expected to enable the ship to pull itself up by its own boot straps. The absence of propellers, the streamlining and the odd sides give the design a decidedly unusual appearance.

METEORIC "HALL" SEEN TO FUY HUNDRED MILES A SECOND

Tiny meteors, so numerous as to form a meteoric "hail," recently were observed by Cornell Liniversity astronomers in Arizona. Speeds of approximately 100

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miles a second have been measured in the study of the phenomenon, indicating that the particles are visitors from interstellar space. The observation is considered proof that at least part of the earth's surface is made of substances originating at vast distances in the outor universe. Studies thus far indicate that the little stones fly in formations much like earthly storms. Harvard University has four astronomers watching the antics of meteors. They spend nights in half-open shelters in deep snow. In three months they have catalogued the peculiarities of more than 6,000 meteors.

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OBSTACLES IN FOG REVEALED BY ECHOES

"Bullets of sound," that bound back to the boat from which they are sent and warn the pilot of fog-screened obstacles in his path, are used in a

blind-navigating apparatus which has been developed by Chester W. Rice, of the General Electric company. A sending megaphone mounted on the boat projects shorts blasts of a high-frequency whistle, much as bullets might be shot from a gun. These blasts strike objects ahead and rebound as echoes. The number of seconds elapsing during this interval determines the distance of the objects from the boat, in plenty of time for the pilot to avoid hitting them. The device has been tested under various weather conditions, the wind ranging from calm to twenty miles an hour and the sea from very smooth to choppy with whitecaps. A typical shoreline, 1,700 to 2,700 feet away, was picked up in three to five seconds from a boat moving twelve miles an hour. A rowboat containing three occupants was detected at a distance of more than 800 feet.

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Holes Under Pavement Filled by Mudjacks

Liquid mud and cement, forced under the paved surface by mudjacks, saved postponement of the formal opening of the Mt. Vernon Memorial highway, from Washington, D. C., to George Washington's home in Virginia. Heavy rains caused several new fills on the highway to sink so much that traffic could not be permitted. When it was found that ordinary methods could not repair the road for several months, the bureau of public roads



Conter, Mudjack at Work; Top, Hose Norsle beside Hole in Pavement; Below, Pipe Cast in Road to Receive Hose

offered the use of mudjacks. A crew drilled openings in the road surface wherever there were sinkholes, a mud and coment mixture was forced under the paving by the jack and the highway was made level in time for the formal opening. A pressure of one to two pounds is used in raising the concrete slabs with the mud mixture. The raising is done carefully, usually about one-fiftieth of an inch at a time, to prevent cracking of the road sur-

face. Given time to set, the cement in the mixture hardens the whole mass, making a permanent filler for the sinkhole.

REDUCED BY RESEARCH 3 - 1

Radio listeners close to high-voltage power lines soon should enjoy much clearer reception as the result of studies conducted by an Oregon state college professor who has proved that leakage of eurrent across insulators is the source of troublesome noise. It is explained that the leakage sets up oscillations of radio frequency, and, in tests conducted in a darkened room, ever time a leakage from a high-voltage line was observed, noises occurred in a radio set. Often the noise was heard before the leakage became visible. The leakage and the interference can be done away with, it was pointed out, by designing the insulators so the air near their surfaces is not electrically overstressed. It was also said the stresses could be overcome by coating portions of the insulator with a conductor.

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SIX CENTS AN HOUR RUNS BOAT DRIVEN BY PORTABLE MOTOR Weighing Thirty-Three Pounds, Three Pounds, This Motor Drives Boat for Cents an Hour

> Weighing only thirty-three pounds, an 3 English outboard motor for small boats can be operated for only six cents an The one-and-one-half-horsepower engine is capable of driving small craft]/>containing three persons.

PHOTO-CELL PROTECTS HORSES 23 BY GIVING RIGHT OF WAY

Horses traveling a bridle path in Washington's park system are protected from automobiles at a busy intersection by an "electric-eye" traffic signal that gives the animals and riders the right of way. The signal operates only when horse and rider pass through an invisible beam of light. At the approach to an intersection are two sets of photo-electric cells placed on opposite sides of the bridle path, They are four feet above the ground and thirtytwo inches apart. The horse's body intercepts the first beam of light, then the second. To operate, the two units must be intercepted at the same time, if only for a second, and the horse's body does this because of the distance between them, but a man's body does not. As both circuits

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are broken, the shoto-cells operate to flash a warning and then a stop light in the street, this remaining on long enough for horse and rider to cross. The apparatus does not function when a horse goes through the beam in an opposite direction because the beams must be intercepted in proper sequence. When a pedestrian strolls through, he does not op- 🦰 erate both beams simultaneously, and hence the device does not work.

LOSS OF ELECTRICITY STOPPED BY SUPERCONDUCTOR

Loss of energy in transmission of electricity may be stopped by development of a superconductor. Experiments by Prot-J. C. McLennan, of the University of Toronto, show that lead, the chief insulating metal used by the electrical industry, may be transformed into a possible super-\varsigma sonductor of high-voltage current which, would transmit power very cheaply without loss of energy en route. Because of 🕿 the present resistance of all known conductors, there is a considerable loss of electrical energy all along the line of power transmission,

BATTERY FILLER WITH A LIGHT SAVES GARAGE MAN'S TIME

Saving time for garage or service-station operator, a handy auto-battery filler, equipped with a built-in flashlight, has, been placed on the market. The light for illuminating battery cells for accurate fill 🗲 ing is attached near the end of a hose from a distilled-water bottle. An air-compressor bulb keeps the water under pressure, while a push button provides instant flow or cut-off of water.



Filling the Auto Battery Is Easy with Siphon Wh



Even Airplane Propellers Are Made from Cotton; Above Are the Built-Up Layers of Cotton Fabric Which Are Impregnated with Resincid to Produce the Propeller Shown Below

By ALBERT FANCHER.

SCIENCE is touching cotton with the magic of invention, and amazing things are happening,

More and more we work with it, live with it, wear it and use it, in one form or another—120,000,000 of us. The homely cotton bale plays a major role in industry, too, as seventy per cent of the annual crop goes for industrial uses. Let's see what some of them are,

Cotton roads, for example; in 1932, we shall ride over several miles of these canvas-and-asphalt highways. They are even

planning to use cotton in constructing some of the levees along certain rivers. A sharp modern contrast to the ancient dikes of Holland,

Truck tires and wheels of cotton. Yes, and casters, gears and pinions—even tool handles. Cotton forms an excellent base to work with.

Safety boats for naval airmen are being made of rub-berized canvas. And that airplane speeding overhead—don't be surprised if you find that its flashing powerful propeller is made of

cotton and southetic resin, laminated. Then there's cotton wallboard and cotton finish for desks, with the sheen and grain of the finest veneer. It is veneer, mounted on cotton for flexibility, yet costing only one-fifth as much.

Cotton letterheads have been on the market about a year, but already we have used some 3,000,000 square yards of fabric for this purpose. The next few months will see cotton envelopes, calling and greeting cards and more and more advertising broadsides. Since alkaline soils are

ruinous to pipe, specially prepared cotton is now being employed to protect it. An order has recently been placed for enough of this material to wrap 200 miles of pipe.

Bathing pools are going cotton, and so are shoes, both men's and women's. And there's a cotton hat for men coming on the market that looks exactly like a straw Leghorn—but isn't.

Examine the "Akron," pride of the navy, and the world's greatest aircraft. You'll find thousands of yards



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Courteey Cotton Trade Institute Above, Laying the Canvas and Applying Asphalt in Making Cotton Road; Right, Timing Gear Made with Cotton

of cotton in that huge ship.

Science has just perfected some fast-dye printing inks to use on cotton fabric. That means a lot more banners and advertising displays for filling stations and barns. And in 1932 they're going to have cotton posters on

the billboards, plenty of them. Fishingreel frames, ash trays, spark-plug caps, trays for cafeterias—the list of products in which cotton takes an active part is long and growing.

There are, today, nearly a thousand major uses for this commonplace but important commodity.

Then take cellophane. In case you have been wondering about how it's made, cellophane is just synthetic silk socks which were sidetracked in the laboratory. Both started from the same source, Dixie cotton fields.

Cellophane is the invention of a Swiss chemist, J. E. Brandenberger. He was engaged in the dyeing, printing and dressing of cotton fabrics, and became interested in the idea of applying cellulose so-

lutions to cotton fabrics to obtain brilliant and shining designs.

Later, he tried to produce a cellulose film, believing if such a product could be developed, it could be applied on the textile material through sizing or pasting, and thus a fabric would be obtained which would remain flexible and at the same time have the qualities which he sought. In trying to produce this film, the idea of cellophane was born.

Cellophane and rayon, or synthetic silk, are first consins. They are made in practically the same way, except that cellophane is formed into a sheet and rayon is drawn into threads,

Cotton linters, or evergreen-

spruce wood pulp, are treated in a caustic solution, and carbon bisulphide is added to disintegrate the fibers completely. The result of these and other chemical operations is a sticky amber-colored liquid.

This liquid is forced mechanically through a narrow slit into a chemical bath which instantly solidifies it into a thin film of cellophane. The cellophane film then passes through a series

of purifying and bleaching operations to remove all impurities. After drying thoroughly, it becomes a transparent film.

Courtesy General Electric Co.

In addition to being transparent and pliable, it is oil-proof, grease-proof, germproof, moisture-proof, odorless, non-porous, durable and strong.

SPRAY GUN REPLACES INSECTS
IN POLLENIZING FLOWERS

Olistead of leaving the pollenization of flowers to insects or the winds, or resorting to the laborious process of using tiny brushes for the purpose, some growers are now employing spray guns. Orchardists and tomato growers gather the pollen with a miniature vacuum siphon, a vibrating needle loosening the pollen dust.

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Southampton in GIANT SAFETY-FIRST AIR LINER TAKES SHAPE IN ENGLAND (1). 2

Subjected to rigid tests at every step in its construction, a giant flying boat that will be larger than Germany's famous "Do-X" is taking shape in England. Safety-first methods are being used in the expectation that the craft will be the first of a series of air liners to travel across the Atlantic without danger to its passengers. Back of the project is the conception of an England-to-United States air route. Thousands of dollars have been spent in making machines to try to smash important parts of the ship, such as the bulkheads. When a piece of metal fails, it goes back to the metallurgist for further experiment. Another testing device is a tank of acid in which metals are immersed for five minutes. The acid has the effect of six months' exposure to Atlantic weather. Six engines will drive the flying boat, while the design calls for only the boat or hull to be subjected to the pounding of waves. Engines and other vital parts will be high above the water, and the craft is expected to ride the heaviest waves without shipping water. Stainless steel will cover the great skeleton.

CHECKERBOARD FOR AIR TRIPS HAS MAGNETIZED PIECES

Magnetized checkers, which cling to the board even though it is overturned [7] permit games that will not be interrupted by the jolting of airplane or train. A fold- 🞣 ing board with highly magnetized metal." checkers is now on the market. The pieces can be moved about easily. "Jumps" are



made by lifting each checker with the finger nail, while the pieces stick together

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Wearing This Heated Suit, Wensinger Flie Miles High for Weather Information

HEATED SUIT PROTECTS PILOT DAILY AT THREE MILES UP

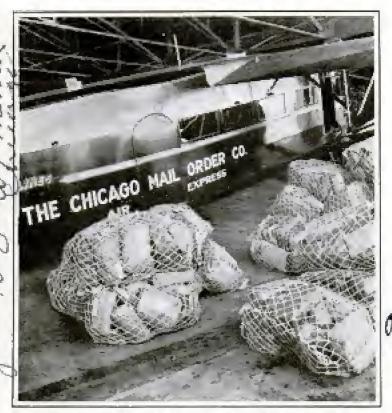
Protected by a specially heated suit, Pilot Ralph Wensinger climbs 17,000 feet high in his plane each day to gather information for the United States weather bureau at Cleveland, Ohio. The temperature often is above freezing when he takes off, but at the three-mile altitude which he must attain, it may be sixteen below.

TREE POISONING SAVES MONEY AND TIME IN WEEDING OUT

Money and time can be saved in forestry work by weeding out widesirable trees by poisoning. A. L. MacKinney, of the U. S. forest service, and Prof. C. F. Korslian, of Duke University, in a series of experiments, have found that the use of a mixxure of white arsenic and lye, applied to young trees in a "frill" made by chopping into the bark, results in a higher perceptage of outright deaths among weed trees/than the cutting or girdling methods. One workman wields the ax while a second follows with the poison pot. This weeding-out process was used to give If the Board Overturns, the Checkers Won't Fall Off 5 more desirable species of trees a chance to 306 Dan Sugar St. grow properly. A strict account of all gr dw properly. A strict account of allcosts and time was kept by the two experimenters as they used the three weedhe methods side by side.

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Packages Assembled in Netting Bags for Shipment by Air to a Central Point of Distribution by Rail

AIR EXPRESS CARRIES PARCELS TO SPEED DELIVERIES

In order to speed up its deliveries, one Chicago mail-order house is combining a parcel air-express system with its railroad mail service. Big transport ships are loaded at Chicago with parcels and flown to Cincinnati where the packages are placed in the mail for distribution by post. It has been found that considerable time is saved by taking parcels by air to a central mail-distribution point, then forwarding them from there by rail in the usual manner.

BRIDGES THAT CAN SUBMERGE TO IN FLOOD ARE CHEAPEST Bridges built in the Cheapest

Bridges built to be submerged by floods have been found cheapest in India, where almost all the rainfall is from June to September. Many rivers that trickle through dry beds half a mile wide during the other months become raging torrents in the rainy season, the water often rising forty or fifty feet. To build a bridge that would always be above flood level would be too costly. So highway spans that permit the flood waters to pour over, through and around were tried and pronounced suc-

cessful. In designing these bridges, their foundations must be anchored to resist the scour of flood waters. The handrails must be collapsible so that they give under the pressure and are not torn away. The arches must be big enough to allow large trees to be carried through them, while piers must be buttressed from the downstream side to hold the structure firm. Brick, stone and concrete are the only suitable materials, steel being too light.

MAGNETIC GAME FOR TEACHING CHILDREN 13 -2 09HE ALPHABET

Designed for teaching the alphabet and the names of domestic animals to small children, a game with magnetized pieces is now on the market. It consists of a number of animal cut-outs and an assortment of disks with letters

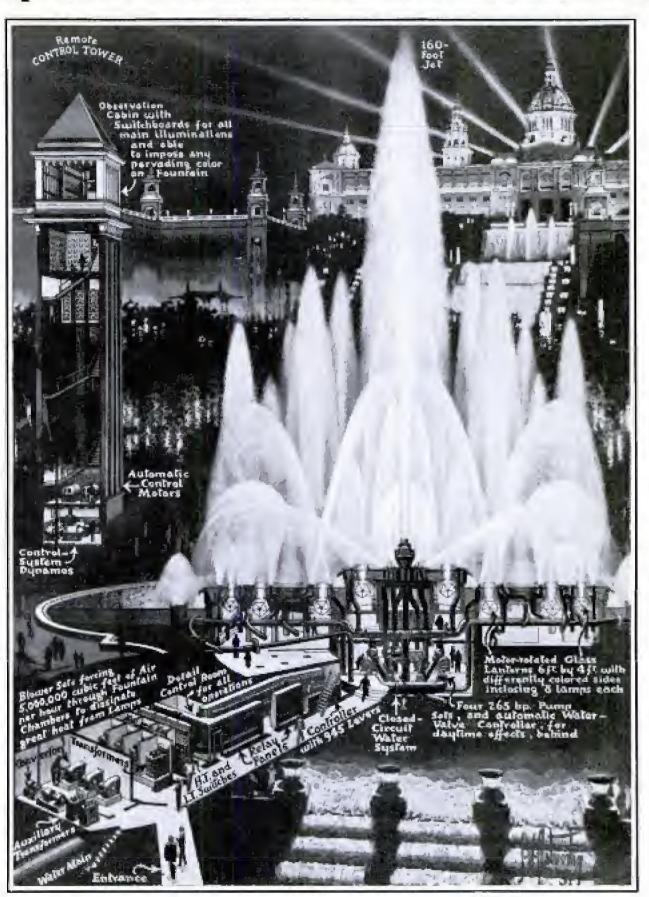
printed on them. Each piece is magnetized so that it may be stuck to a lacquered metal plate which is a part of the outfit. The game teaches by sticking the cut-out of an animal on the plate, then spelling out its name with the letters.



Magnetic Letters and Metal Pieces Help Teach the

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Spanish Fountain Has All Hues of Rainbow Eng



Operation of Giant Fountain at Barcelona; Pumps Force 2,000,000 Gailens of Water an Hour through 1,700 Jets to Form Forty Different Colored Patterns

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Here's How a Big Tree Is Transplanted; Note the Wooden Supports Built around the Base Where the Roots Had Spread

BIG TREES ARE TRANSPLANTED TO IMPROVE CAPITAL

Transplanting large trees is one of the most difficult jobs in the program for improving the Mall, at Washington, D. C. An old magnolia, said to be one of the early trees of the department of agriculture grounds, was dug up and moved to a new location along the edge of the Mall, which will be a treeless greensward under the improvement program. A huge mass of earth, through which the magnolia's roots had spread, was cut loose around the tree before moving it, in order to insure that it would not decay or die in its new place. Other large trees will also be transplanted.

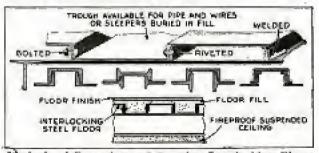
WINDOWS MADE FROM SUGAR

Crude sugar in the form of molasses, or treacle. can be converted into a substance as hard and as transparent as glass through a process recently developed by an English scientist. The material can be blown, molded or rolled, just like glass, and also has the valuable property of passing ultraviolet rays which are stopped by ordinary glass. is claimed that the product, utilizing the surplus sugar, can be used for windows or for any other purpose for which glass is employed.

STEEL FLOOR THAT INTERLOCKS WILL SPEED BUILDING

Interlocking steel channels have been produced by a steel and iron organization for flooring in skyscrapers and other large projects where speed and absence of fire hazards are major factors. The contractor can fabricate the plates at the same time as the skele-

ton, thereby saving time. The method furnishes the builder with a rugged, tight, fire-safe working structure at each floor level, upon which not only the building can be constructed, but heavy and bulky materials can be stored. Its use eliminates all temporary floor planking, wood forms, shores and props.

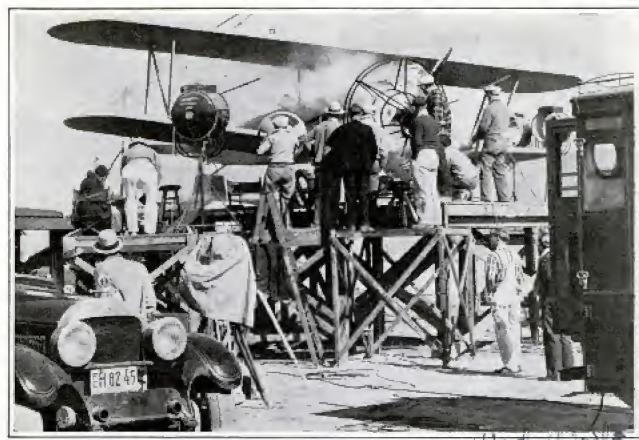


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How the "Diving" Plane Is Filmed in Safety



Making a Movie of an Airplane "Falling" in Flames; the Ship Is Stationary, a Revolute Camesa Supplying the Motion, While Smoke Pots Furnish the Illusion of Burning

Making moving pictures of a falling airplane is not the hazardous task for the
pilot and cameraman that might be assumed, for the camera can be made to
supply the motion while the craft remains
stationary. When one California film company was called on to portray the plunge
of a burning plane with the pilot fighting
for his life, the airplane was mounted on
a platform with the pilot in the cockpit.
Smake pots and fans supplied the illusion
of burning, and a camera that revolved as
it was operated fugnished all the action.

BOARDS ARE MADE FROM MOSS TO INSULATE HOUSES

Canadian moss, compressed into boards, has been found an excellent insulating material for building purposes. The boards weigh 1.7 pounds per square foot, and are odorless. Heat as high as 392 degrees Fahrenheit does not affect it. The surface readily stains or may be painted. For finished walls, the slabs are sanded or put sas through a planer. The cost of production to the cost

is exceptionally low, since the moss is fedinto hoppers, subjected to 150 pounds pressure per square inch and air or kilndried. Then it is ready for use. The material is known as "muskeg litter," and practically unlimited supplies are available in the vast areas of northern Canada.

WINDOW THAT OPENS SILENTLY HAS SPRINGS, NO WEIGHTS 03-176

Noiseless in operation, a window which has springs instead of weights, cords and

pulleys is now on the market. The window is fitted with bronze weatherstrips on which the sash slides, to prevent air leakage. Another feature is a storm sash with a

vent, to admit adequate ventilation without opening the sash. Unusually loose stops are provided to avoid sticking in wet weather.

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Airplanes "Bomb" Indian Villages with Food



Army Bomber above Snowbound Ist-Village; Left, Preparing the Food "Bombs"

by army planes which "bombed" the Navajo villages with packages of food. Six ships were used and more than five tons of rations rained out of the skies on the villages of mud and brush that had been cut off from the outside world. Beans, flour, coffee, sugar and salt pork were dropped in convenient snow banks by the planes as they swooped low over the settlements, while the Indians were watching where the pack-

ages fell and digging them out of the fifteen-foot drifts.

Snowbound Indians in Arizona were supplied with provisions after a big storm

3 SOUGHT IN HEALTH TESTS FRESH AIR BY ELECTRIFICATION

Fresh, invigorating air, obtained by electrification of the atmosphere, is the possibility held out by public-health authorities following experiments which show that "deadening" air contains the fewest of those electrical particles known as ions. Further research is being made to find if the atmosphere may be freshened by injecting ions into stale air. Prof. C.

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P. Yaglou, who conducted the experiments, say that, while it may not be possible to Feshen the air by electric apparatus, his tests indicate that highly ionized air is ifesher than air of low ionic content. Professor Yaglou found that the common rate of ventilating buildings is insufficient to maintain the normal ionic content of the air in a crowded room. But with electrical apparatus, it was found possible to keep the content in such a rdom at a high figure when outdoor air

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was entering at the usual rate of ventiles tion. The concentration of ions in the air changes both teasonally and daily. More electrical particles are in summer air, and the concentration is higher during the day.

YOU CAN HEAR GRASS GROW WITH AID OF RADIO

You can actually bear the grass grow through the aid of au instrument developed by a German professor and recently demonstrated. A sprouting seed is placed between two plates, so arranged that they can be pushed apart by the slightest pressure. The plates are connected in the field of two alternating currents, one of which has a constant cycle while the other is varied by the distance apart of the two plates. As the seed grows, the distance increases by fractional parts of onethousandth of a millimeter, much too minute for physical measurement. amplifying tubes placed in the circuit, however, give the tone pitch of the fixed evele, from which as a base the changes of pitch in the variable cycle give the comparative measurements. The instrument has been used to measure the growth of a blade of grass or a metal rod exposed to heat sources at varying distances.

AUXILIARY FRONT AUTO SPRING REDUCES ROAD SHOCKS

Mounted on rubber cushions, an auxiliary front spring for Ford automobiles and trucks has recently been developed. The spring fits between the standard spring and the axle and smooths out road shocks, provides a certain degree of snubbing action, allows greater loads to be carried and adds to the life of the spring. The apparatus is quickly installed, making only the U-bolts already on the car.



Longer Spring Life and Easier Riding Are Achieved, with This Auxiliary Installation

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Small Clamshell Scoop Used by Bureau of Fisheries to Collect Samples from Lake Bottoms

SECRETS OF FISHES' MEALS SOUGHT AT LAKE BOTTOM

To determine what kind of nourishment, certain types of fish receive in natural surroundings, the bureau of fisheries has constructed a small clamshell scoop to collect samples from the bottoms of rivers and lakes. It is lowered to the bottom and closed, and brings up a load of soil which is bottled for later analysis.

"ELECTRIC EYE" FOR PAINT GUN TURNS SPRAY ON AND OFF

Turning the spray on and off, the photo-cell, or "electric eye," has been combined with ordinary paint guns to speed up spraying jobs. The work is moved along on conveyors and when the part to be sprayed cuts through the path of the photo-cell, paint is discharged. As the work passes on, another electric eye turns off the spray. Back, front, sides, top and bottom of the work may be painted as the conveyor moves along by arranging paint guns in series with photo-cell control.

Tires to match color combinations of motor cars are the latest innovation in the tire industry.

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Top. Radio Station in Front-Line Trenches Listening for Enemy Messages: Below, Examining Letters for Secret Ink

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON

SERGEANT MEYERS, of the American secret service, drove his motorcycle at break-neck speed, for he was racing against an airship.

From the dark bulk settling carthward,

showered torn papers and books that the crew hoped to save from allied hands. Far in the interior of France, the disabled Zeppelin "L-49" was making a forced landing. It was the last of the air armada which, trying to bomb Paris and London, met disaster so crushing that after that October day in 1917, the Germans virtually gave up dirigible raids. Thereby hangs the story of how that victory of the air brought to the allies a far greater victory of the. sea.

Sergeant Meyers won his race. He was waiting when the Zeppelin landed. Pistol in hand, he confronted the crew, sinister in gnomelike caps, goggles and black leather jackets.

"Stop shooting into that machinery," he commanded the captain, "or I'll shoot into yours."

After the French foresters had marched the prisoners away, the American secret agent turned to search the airship's gondola. He found a large book, and a glance at its contents sent him chugging for Chaumont, General Pershing's headquarters. There he delivered the book to Lt. Col. N. W. Campanole, chief of espionage, with this re-

port:
"Sir, this looks to me like a German

"Sir, this looks to me like a German secret-code book!"

And it was. The book contained the German navy's code for wireless communication between the Zeppelins and Ger-

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MASTER SPIES

Cipher Stories of and Battle



Marie for the song entitled "Myssesia d'Aleste"

man submarines prowling the North sea for allied and neutral victims. Then Capt. S. T. Hubbard entered, muddy and bedraggled, bearing torn slips of paper.

"They threw these overboard," he said, "but I picked 'em up, and I'm going to put 'em together."

Map and code book were rushed to the British admiralty in London, where, in the seclusion of "Room 40," their secrets were extracted.

Then began a new effort against Ger-

man submarines. Obeying wirelessed orders in their own code, they fell into innumerable traps,

That was one of the greatest American victories in the realm of codes and ciphers, those mysterious means of hidden communication that have played, usually unknown, a great part in determining the fate of nations, of battles and of statesmen.

Russia began the war with a splendid army, the "steam roller" that twice invaded Germany. But it was vanquished—and

Above, Showing How Music Was Employed in One Code; Right, Monument to Famous French Woman Spy

From "On Special Minifons," by Charles Lucieto; Couriesy Robert McBride & Co.

why? Principally, because the Germans, had the secret of the Russian wireless code.

Then there came the greatest of all German onslaughts against the British on the western front, on March 21, 1918. With crushing superiority, the gray-clad wave almost burst through—almost, but not quite. This time, it was the British who read the Germans' wireless messages, thanks to a dramatic stroke of luck and the alertness of an American wireless op-



erator. On March 11, 1918, he was eagerly trying to pick up messages in a new code that the Germans had just started using. That indicated the offensive the allies feared, was near, but they could not read the new code that would tell more.

They had asked the Americans to help solve the mystery, so when this young Yankee heard a German sending in the new code, he took down the number

At that instant, came another German message, evidently in reply to the first. But he realized, with a thrill, this second message was in the old code, which he knew.

"Haven't received new code book yet," it said. "Please repeat in old code."

And then, to the American's incredulous delight, the German sending station did just that. So now he had the same message in both codes-and he knew the old Soon the crypt-analysts had the meaning of every code group in the message, and the system used. When the battle

started, the allies were reading the German wireless all along the line.

Over the great naval battle off Jutland, codes and ciphers hovered like perverse spirits, exercising a strange influence,

At five o'clock the afternoon of May 30, 1916, British intercept stations picked from the air a code message from the German admiralty ordering its fleet to "carry out the plan already agreed upon.". That must mean a sortic, and the British grand fleet steamed with fierce joy to meet it. But after giving that inadvertent warning, the Germans evened up. From

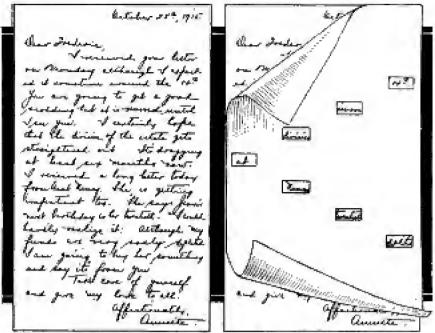
just off their coast, they sent fake messages indicating that the fleet had not yet sailed—which the British believed, until they almost ran into it at sea! Some authorities believe only this surprise pre-

vented a great British victory.

How could the British so easily read the important secrets that elever cryptographers hid within baffling arrangements of seemingly meaningless words, phrases or numbers? Well, first, because, early in the war, the British got a code book from the stranded German cruiser "Madgeburg"; second, because later a British diver, named Miller, at peril of his life, searched every sunken submarine for code books; third, because of the remarkable British "Black Chamber" whose experts seemed able to solve any code or cipher in the world, given enough time and sample messages.

In this secluded room, fifty cryptographers deciphered daily as many as 2,000 intercepted messages that the Germans had tried to hide in dozens of codes or ciphers, including that which Ambassador Von Bernstorff used for confidential messages from Washington to Berlin. To break that code, Room 40 worked six months, with thousands of bits of paper containing each a word or number.

But a blank postcard from Turkey stumped the experts. It was addressed



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Showing How an Apparently Harmless Letter Was Used to Convey a Secret Message with the Aid of the Slotted Paper to Select Key Words

"Sir Henry Jones, 184 King's Road, Tignabruaich, Scotland." There is no King's Road in the crossroad hamlet of Tignabruaich. A Scotch Presbyterian minister found the solution in the Bible: Kings, Chapter XVIII, verse 4;

"Obadiah took an hundred prophets and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them on bread and water."

Thus Sir Henry Jones' son had sent from prison camp the first news of what had happened to the British officers the Turks captured at Kut-el-Amara—they needed food.

The most ingenious secret message Room 40 solved was conveyed by a comb, about whose teeth thread was interwoven. Spaces between the teeth represented letters of the alphabet, and the whole message was spelled out, by unwinding the thread carefully, noting the course it followed. That feat led to discovery of a whole nest of German spies.

Interesting men, the staff of Room 40, but not wizards or necromancers. The keenest code breaker is said to have been an Oxford Greek professor; others were mathematicians, scientists. One was recently elected head of a leading British scientific society. Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, head of the work, is world-famous. Most leading American cryptographers today are army officers.



American Censors in Chemical Laboratory Testing Letters of a Suspicious Nature in the Doughboys' Mail for Secret Ink

In spectacular fashion, luck once aided an allied code expert. The allies' intercept stations recorded every intercepted enemy wireless message on a regular phonograph record, which later was put on the machine for experts to listen to. But none could make anything of some apparent gibberish, broadcast at top speed by the great Nancu station. One day, the phonograph began to run down. Slower and slower went the record. One of the experts jumped to his feet.

"Don't wind that up!" he cried. "That's

no gibberish—it's a code!"

Radio code experts have become so clever, that in the next war the air will not be used at all as path of secret messages, unless, by that time, there has been found the secret wireless many are now seeking. Late in the last war, the allies asked their scientists to find some means of invisible signaling, perhaps by infra-red rays.

But the secret services found means even more ingenious to transmit the messages concocted by their cryptographers. There was the sweater trick, unsuspected when everyone was knitting. The spy first tied knots in the yarn at irregular intervals, then knitted the yarn into a sweater which he sent to his superior. That superior turned it over to his crypt-analyst, who unraveled the sweater, and matched

the knots in the yarn with a yardstick on which were marked the letters of the alphabet, reading, perhaps:

"Ten thousand troops arrived here this week."

A woman's elever ruse brought heavy loss to the Germans, when the famous Louise de Bettignies smuggled to the British a report on the positions of German artillery and ammunition around Lille -which was promptly blown sky-high. The woman spy had written the information with a microscopic pen, in invisible ink, on translucent paper, which she pasted over the lens of an eyeglass. German searchers missed

that, and also the messages she hid in a bar of chocolate—to be eaten if she were

captured.

Secret inks hid many spy messages, and made still more diabolical torment for the crypt-analysts. The American secret service, here and in France, had special laboratories to solve them, for the world war saw devices far subtler than that whereby the first secret-ink message was transmitted when the Greek Histaeus wrote his message on a slave's shaved head, let the hair grow, then sent the slave to a co-conspirator with instructions to say simply, "Shave my head."

Almost everything was used for secret ink, from lemon juice to take perfumery. Spies wrote between the lines, or across the lines of seemingly innocent letters. To avoid leaving telltale scratches, they used blunt or ball-pointed pens of rustless gold.

RUBBER NECKTIE IS SOIL-PROOF

Tired of searching through a rack of ties to find one that was unsoiled, an inventor recently placed on the market rubber neckties that are said to be soil-proof. The rubber-composition ties can be obtained in various colors and are claimed to hold their shape indefinitely.

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MANY AIRSHIPS CROSS OCEAN ON OFFICE CHART B

More than 500 ocean flights have been made by aviators, navigators and scientists without the use of any craft, and without seeing either the Pacific or the Atlantic ocean. These flights were purely imaginary and were made from the offices of the Goodyear-Zeppelin corporation in_ Akron, the purpose being to assemble data that will make safe real crossings. The imaginary ships are navigated in accordance with actual weather conditions of past dates. Official weather reports are closely studied, as are the logs of steamships, so that the air mariners know exactly what conditions would have been encountered. Data obtained from these "flights" are worked over in an effort to so schedule and route the ships that voyages could have been made in less time. The world's major wind systems are the guide for such trips. A chart of the system embraces the north circumpolar winds, prevailing westerlies, horse latitudes, northeast trades, equatorial calms, southeast trades, south horse latitudes and the south circumpolar winds.

ROBOT THAT LISTENS TO MUSIC IS ORCHESTRA CRITIC

Listening in on the music of the Philadelphia symphony orchestra and rendering an impartial verdict on what he hears is the job of a dummy equipped with automatic ears who serves as sound critic, particularly at rehearsals. This robot makes his report, without fear or favor, to engineers sitting beside him. He is



known as "Oscar," and the ears are twin microphones connected to an amplifying system. Engineers first listen to the orchestra through their own ears, then through Oscar's by means of earphones. The

til the sound heard without the robot's aid is exactly like that heard when listening through the dummy's ears.



Photo by Thes. F. Lee, from Ewlog Galloway

MEXICO'S WALKING HAT STORE IS INDIAN GIRL PEDDLER

Forty big straw hats are not too many to be worn at the same time by Mexico's walking hat stores, the Indian girl peddlers. In addition, the girls often carry a dozen large baskets in their arms. This sombrero trade is plied in Tampico and other Mexican cities, catering to natives and tourists alike,

GRAY IS NOW OFFICIAL WHITE

Undesirable contrasts produced in motion pictures by pure white fabrics, such as tablecloths and shirt fronts, will be eliminated by the use of a "Pickford gray." Research has shown that a certain pale shade of gray gives the best results, so the new gray has been adopted as the standard shade to replace white. Various pale colors were used in the experiment.

The first transfer of the experiment.

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Power Amplifier Employs Hand-Made Parts



bination power-amplifier and set supply. No elaborate tools are required, and the aluminum chassis may be homemade or an aluminum baking pan of suitable size. The photos clearly show the simple arrangement of the parts. Those who have made up the power units from the previous articles will find this layout very convenient. A material list and complete diagrams are available for those who wish them.

The chassis is made from a sheet of 1/16in, aluminum, 91/2 in, wide and 14 in, long. This is bent over 11/4 in, on each of the 14-in, sides to form the support. The complete wiring diagram is shown in Fig. 1 together with the details for the bake-

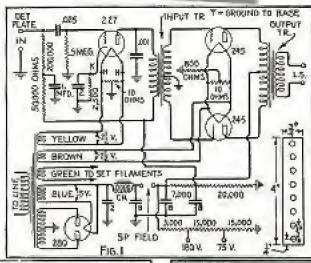
lite terminal strip. The diagram, Fig. 2, gives the layout arrangement for the parts that are to be mounted on

top of the chassis. Fig. 3 shows the parts mounted on the underside of the chassis together with some of the wiring details. When mounting the voltage-divider resistors on the chassis the grounded end is screwed directly

to the chassis and the opposite end is, of course, insulated from the chassis. The 50,000-ohm resistor, which is a part of the detector plate-coupling resistance, is mounted on the underside. It is of the metallized self-supporting type with pig-tail connections. The small molded .001-mfd.

By S. H. BURNS

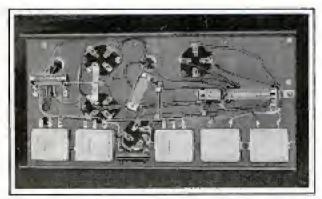
THE power-supply transformer described in the May, 1931, issue of Popular Mechanics Magazine, together with the heavy-duty filter choke that appeared in the following October issue, are employed in the construction of this efficient com-



condenser is mounted in the same manner.

The leads from the power transformer are brought down through the chassis, and each pair of a.c. heater, or filament, leads should be twisted. The 10-ohm center-tapped resistance across the filament posts of the 227-tube socket is not shown in the assembly view, but is to be soldered directly across these posts. Provision has been made for the speaker field as one section of the filter: otherwise the double, center-tapped choke described in the October article will be used. The two 1-mfd. condensers mounted under the chassis and marked "see text" are for by-passing the various voltage taps on the divider resistance, in case the builder wishes to use The 2-mfd, by-pass condenser across the 2,500-ohm bias resistor is made by connecting two of the 1-mfd, 200-volt condensers in parallel. No by-pass condenser is used across the bias resistor in the push-pull stage.

Two complete voltage dividers are used in this unit. One of them supplies the amplifier with current and this is mounted on the underside of the chassis. The resistance values are not critical; therefore



Underside View of the Completed Amplifier and Power-Supply Unit

a standard 30,000-ohm truvolt type with a slider may be used to approximate the 20,000 and 7,000-ohm sections. Voltages for the tuning unit or set will be obtained from the divider mounted on top of the chassis. The .0002-mfd, condenser marked "see note" is optional, and in most cases adds little to the quality of the output.

The push-pull input and output transformers are of the usual type. The use of two voltage dividers gives the amplifier a constant and predetermined voltage, and the current drawn from the taps of the upper divider will have little effect,



Large Speaker Baffle, Showing Cloth-Covered Grill at the Center

Ornamental Baffle for Auditorium Dynamic Speaker

This attractive baffle was designed by me for use in clubs, dance halls, amusement parks and for public-address systems. where a large baffle is required for best results. It is 92 in, high, 52 in, wide and 12 in, deep, and is made of maple and oak with carved decorations fastened with waterproof glue. It weighs about 300 lb. The dynamic speaker is mounted on a shelf directly back of the temple at the center. I devoted my spare time over a period of about 18 months to the construction and decoration of the baffle. The finish is in ivory with the landscape in natural colors. The baffle may be fastened to the wall with hooks or anchored to the floor in easel fashion.-Walter Evans, Buffalo, N. Y.

Space Winding Coils

When a space-wound coil is required, and a lathe is not available, the experimenter can make a double winding with string and the wire, removing the string when the coil is completed. If the specifications call for spacing the width of the diameter of the wire, a double winding is made with two spools of the same-size wire. In either case, the completed winding is coated with collodion or shellac, and the spacing turns are removed before the binder dries.

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Combination Television Receiver in Operation, and Interior View Showing the Arrangement of Parts

Television Set Is Self-Contained

Offering a choice of either broadcast or short-wave reception, in addition to television, this attractive console set contains an all-wave receiver and a projector-An interchangeable tuning radiovisor. system is provided for each purpose. Sharp selectivity is claimed for the reception in the broadcast and short-wave bands, and broad tuning is made available for television. The necessary plug-in coils for the various wave bands are matched for convenient handling. The receiver is fully a.c. operated, and the output stage consists of two type-45 tubes in parallel, to provide the distortionless current necessary for the operation of the new crater lamp used in the projector type of radiovisor. A loud speaker, concealed from view, is provided for broadcast programs, and a pair of jacks permit the use of the audio system for reproducing phonograph records if desired. A 60-line disk is used in the radiovisor, and the pictures are projected on a ground-glass screen held in a frame in front of the console. The image may be adjusted and focused for any size up to 81/2 by 10 inches.

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Repairing Speaker Cords

Frayed and broken speaker cords of the tinsel-conductor type are often discarded because of trouble encountered in soldering the delicate strands. A soldering iron or flame from an alcohollamp may be used to remove the broken end of the cord from the tip. The frayed end of the cord to be connected is then trimmed, and the insulation cut back 1/4 in. A sewing needle put into this end serves to support some turns of fine copper wire around the tinsel. A strand of wire removed from ordinary lampeord will do for this purpose.

The needle is then removed and the prepared end of the cord is coated with solder. It is then inserted in the tip, which is again heated to obtain a good soldered connection.

Iron-Pipe Standards for Apartment Antennas

In providing antenna standards for an apartment building, 1½-in, iron pipe was used thereby avoiding the unsightly masts, yet supplying individual antennas for the tenants. The lead-in wires are taken from either end according to the location of the apartment and are brought down through conduit.—John B. DeHoff, Baltimore, Md.



Autenna Installation Showing Lead-In Wires for Three Apartments at the Right



By H. C. Mc Kay

THIS simplified and compact Wheatstone bridge enables the radio experimenter to make accurate resistance measurements of the various units in his circuits. It has a range from .01 ohm up to
11,100,000 ohms. With this bridge and an
accurate voltmeter and milliammeter, the
amateur is in a position to wind and measure his own resistances from scrap wire
taken from commercial resistance units.
He may also make his own resistances
from carbon rod and other high-resistance
compounds. By so doing, the experimenter can duplicate this bridge, without the
galvanometer, for about \$5.

The bridge consists of a bank of decade resistances, and a multiplier or ratio bank, connected in the usual bridge circuit. The

10-ohm, 100-ohm and 1,000-ohm unit groups constitute the decade resistances and the multiplier group is indicated with the letter M. Fig. 1 shows the simplified wiring diagram and subpanel layout to correspond as near as possible with the actual photo shown The resistabove. ance units are available in kit form and are threaded on

brass rods for convenient mounting. The four switches are of the usual inductance type and it will be necessary to add the calibrated zero points indicated. A small case, such as a small overnight bag or large vanity case, may be used, and the size of the panel will depend on the case selected. Wooden cleats or a light wooden frame should be provided to support the panel above the bottom of the case to clear the units above and below. The re-

sistance banks are held 2 in, below the panel by means of metal strips forming a four-bar grid, to allow plenty of room under the panel for the switches and necessary wiring. The top photo on page 646 shows how this wiring to the various switch

points is completed before the rods carrying the resistors are placed in position.

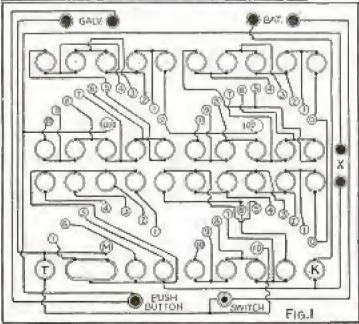
Fig. 2 is not followed exactly as shown in the actual wiring diagram Fig. 1, but the reversed connections give the same result. In Fig. 2, the 1,000-ohm resistances T and K, shown in Fig. 1, are the same, and the actual balancing values will be those indicated by the dials.

The bridge should be tested with resistors of known value. Provide one resistor of





which the galvanometer pointer swings, Now set the 1,000-dial at 4 and see if the direction is the same, then set it at 6 and try again. Points 4 and 6 should give deflections in different directions. pointer should swing to the right for 5 and 6 but to the left for 4, you will know that the resistance lies between 4,000 and 5,000 ohms. Now return the dial to 4, set the 100-dial to 5, and try again. This time, let us assume, the swing is to the left. Then try 8 on the 100-dial and, if the pointer still swings left, try 9. If at this point the pointer swings right, replace this switch at 8. Then set the 10-switch at 5 and try it. If the swing is right, shift to 4, and with another right swing, go to 3, and if there is now a very slight left deflection, the value of the resistance X is not exactly 5,000 ohms, but between 4,830 and 4,840 ohms. In a resistance, this range is less than 1/4 per cent, which is sufficiently close for all amateur purposes,



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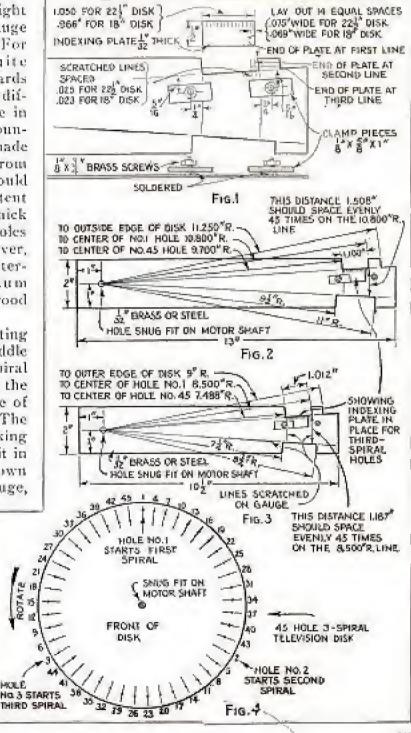
a value between 1,000 and 10,000 ohms and another between 100,000 and 500,000 ohms for this purpose. A small 4½-volt battery is connected to the battery binding posts as shown in the photo on page 645, and the galvanometer to the posts indicated. The smaller resistor is then connected to the X-posts. This resistor, we will say, has a rated resistance of 5,000 ohms. To check this value, set the multiplier upon point 4 and the 1,000-dial at 5. Press the push button, and notice the direction in

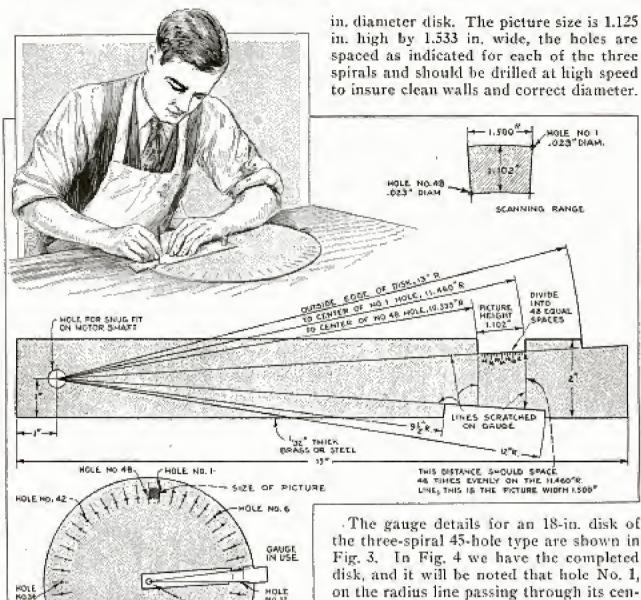
The second resistor rated at, we will say, 250,000 ohms is now checked. The 1,000-dial is set at 2, and the 100-dial at 5. This setting is for a reading of 2,500 ohms, but as 250,000 are wanted, the multiplier switch M is placed on the 6 point, which multiplies all readings by 100. The readings are now taken in the same manner as before and checked to the closest possible value as indicated by the galvanometer.



subject to variation according to the requirements of the builder. No matter what size of disk or number of holes is used, a slight alteration of the indexing gauge will meet the requirements. For practical purposes, this is quite necessary, as no fixed standards have been set at this time and different scanning methods are in use in various parts of the country. Television disks may be made of cardboard or, preferably, from sheet aluminum, The metal should be as thin as possible consistent with strength, because if thick metal is used the walls of the holes. often act as reflectors. However, this may be remedied by countersinking the holes. Aluminum about .125 in thick is very good for experimental purposes,

Several stations broadcasting television programs in the middle west are employing a three-spiral 45-hole scanning method, and the gauge for laying out this type of disk will be discussed first. The enlarged details of the indexing plate and clamps for holding it in position on the gauge are shown in Fig. 1. The length of the gauge,





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INDENING GAUGE SWINGS ON A PIN

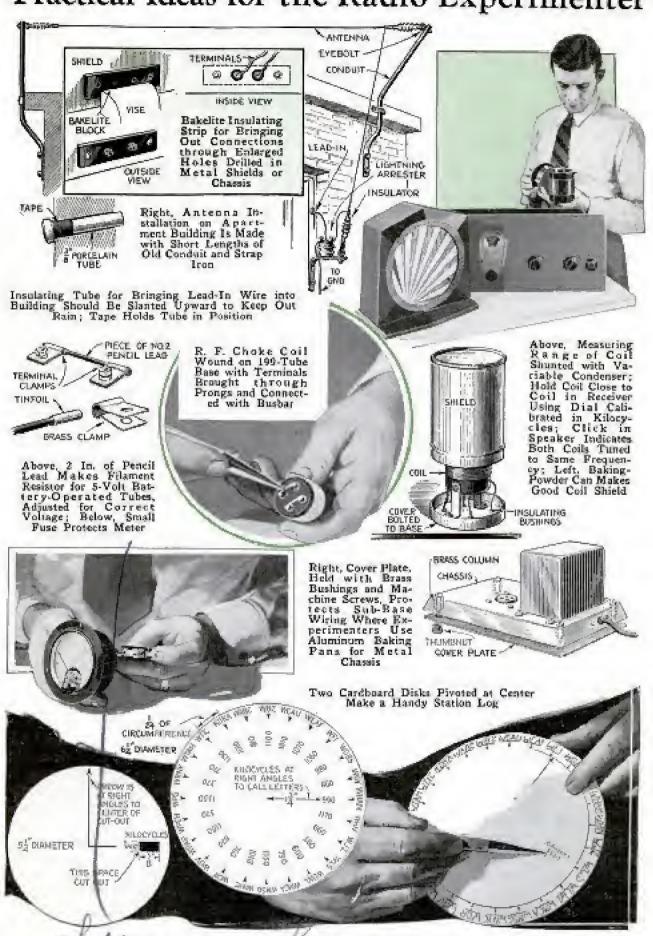
SAME SIZE AS HOTOR SHAFT

indexing plate and the divisional spacing for both 18 and 22½-in, disks are given. The holes are spotted on these divisions, and the diameter of the hole is the same as the spacing.

The 22½-in, disk scans a picture about the size employed in moving-picture film, and a lens may be used to enlarge this image several times without distortion. It should be understood that, when holes are mentioned, it means the center point of each hole and these points must be clearly defined with a marking tool when the disk is laid out. The complete gauge dimensions are given in Fig. 2 for the 221/2on the radius line passing through its center, starts the first spiral. Each of the 15 holes that form the individual spirals, is three-hole diameter nearer the center of the disk. The spirals are placed so that hole No. 2 is one-hole diameter nearer the center of the disk than hole No. 1, and the third spiral begins one-hole diameter nearer the center of the disk than hole No. 2.

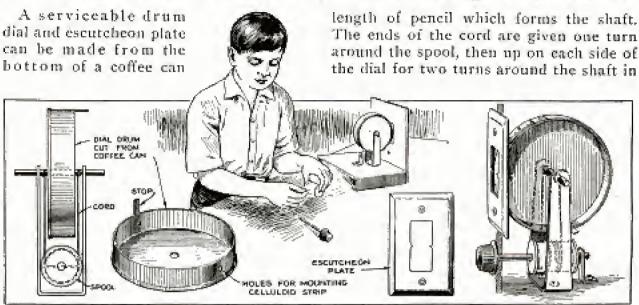
The single-spiral 48-hole gauge and disk are shown on this page and this singlespiral disk scans a picture about the same size as the 221/2-in, three-spiral 45-line disk previously described. In this case it will be noted that the entire number of equal divisions are not shown on the indexing space, as the lines would be too close together for illustrating purposes. The divisional lines are scribed directly on the gauge instead of a separate plate, and no clamps are required, as no shifting is necessary for the single spiral,

Practical Ideas for the Radio Experimenter



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A Drum Dial for the Junior Experimenter



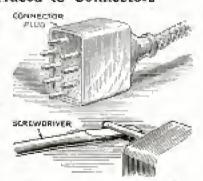
Section of Coffee Can and an Old Switch Plate Make a Good Drum Disl; the Completed Assembly, with Plate Mounted on Panel, Is Shown at Right

and an old brass switch plate. A 3-in. length of ¼-in, brass rod is required for the shaft and the hanger is made from a strip of metal bent and drilled as shown. The width of the dial section is ¾ in. A ¼-in, hole is drilled through its center to take the brass rod, and the can is soldered securely to the rod at center. The drum is rotated by means of a waxed cord around a large spool as detailed at the right. The cord is threaded through a small hole drilled through the spool and

opposite directions. The ends are threaded through small holes drilled through the shaft, and knotted. A strip of white paper, reaching halfway around the dial, is divided into 100 equal parts and covered with clear celluloid of the same size. These strips are fastened to the dial by means of two small machine screws or paper clips. A knob from an old rheostat and the switch plate, cut out at center as shown, complete the assembly.—E. E. Youngkin, Altoona, Pa.

Trouble Traced to Connectors

Separable connection plugs, used in many types of a.c. receivers, often become loose or corroded, and the result is a baffling fading ef-



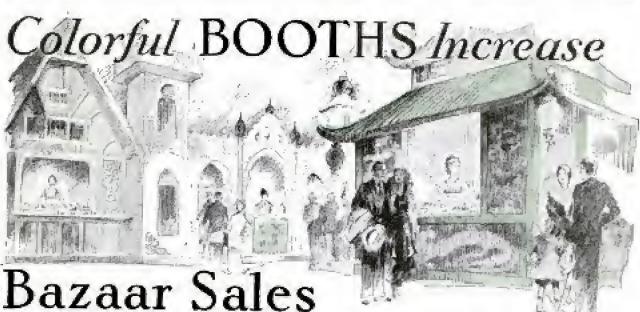
fect. The connections carrying the filament current are the chief cause of the trouble. The male portion of the plug should be inspected to see that the soldered connections are secure and the prongs free from corrosion. They should be brightened with fine sandpaper and slightly spread with a screwdriver, as shown in the lower sketch, to insure a good, tight contact. The tsocket end of the connector should be polished, inside the terminal bushings, with a bit of fine sandpaper on a toothpick.

Avoiding Poor Contacts

Sheet aluminum should not be used for any parts which make up the electrical circuit of a set. Brass or copper sheet is best for this purpose and may be easily soldered to insure good electrical connections. Aluminum oxidizes quickly and is difficult to solder.

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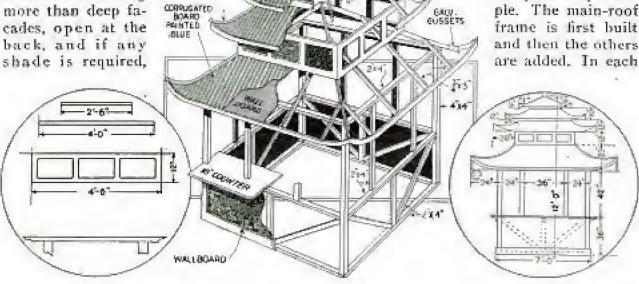
A T modest cost, and with the assistance of enthusiastic builders, attractive booths for bazaars help to make them successful. The illustrated designs are intended for erection in a public hall, but with some extra labor, they can be built to

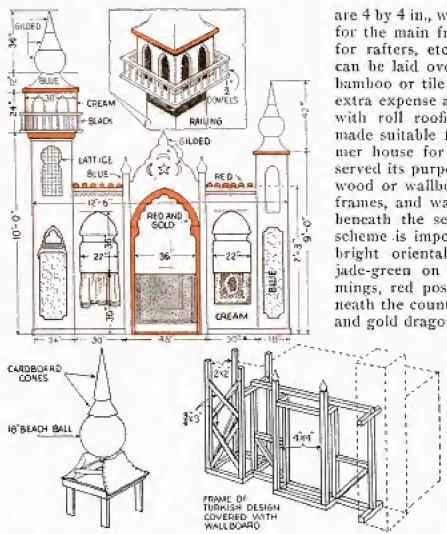
GARDEN HOSE GILD (D

withstand the hazards of at least ten days of outdoor weather. Three of them are nothing more than deep facades, open at the back, and if any shade is required, awnings can be arranged over them. All the designs call for light framing of rough lumber and are covered with wallboard.

A Chinese pagoda, which is open on four sides and has a serving counter all around, is especially adapted to the purpose. Al-

though the roof may appear somewhat intricate, its construction is really comparatively simple. The main-roof frame is first built and then the others are added. In each





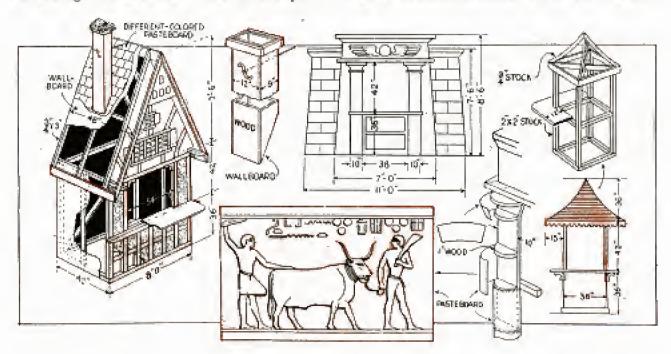
case the caves curve up at the corners, which requires bent members, over which light wallboard can be fitted without breaking the material. The corner posts

are 4 by 4 in., while 2 by 4-in, stock is used for the main framing, with lighter pieces for rafters, etc. Corrugated pasteboard can be laid over the wallboard to give a bamboo or tile effect. By going to some extra expense and covering the wallboard with roll roofing, the pagoda could be made suitable for outdoor use as a summer house for the children, after it has served its purpose. Jigsaw panels of ply-wood or wallboard are set in the cupola frames, and wallboard is used for panels beneath the serving counter. The color scheme is important, and should be rich, bright oriental colors; for example, a jade-green on the roofs with gilt trimmings, red posts, and orange panels beneath the counter, ornamented with black and gold dragons or other figures. Deco-

> rated with Chinese lanterus, temple bells and gongs, it will be an outstanding feature at any bazaar.

The Turkish building is also constructed of wallboard over a light wood framing. The spire on each tower is built up of a large beach ball and two bristol-board cones, painted as indicated. The

"iron" railing around the main tower consists of a hand rail drilled for ½-in, dowel spindles, spaced 3 in, apart and painted black. Windows should all be laid out and



cut with a keyhole saw or sharp kuife before the panels are nailed to the framing.
Over the central opening, which corresponds to a doorway, the serrated arch
pieces are cut separately and nailed in
place, and a light lattice or grill is made of
wood strips and nailed inside the window
opening in the taller tower. This design
lends itself admirably to a varicolored
paint job, with orange, blue, gold, black
and red used generously, as indicated, the
walls being left the natural cream color
of the wallboard.

Other models that are effective but of simpler construction are also shown. A comic touch may be lent by drawing modern scenes in the style of ancient Egypt. A stuffed heron from the local taxidermist, nesting atop a tall chimney, is also effective. Mullioned windows are simply painted in black panes with white frames, and bright green blinds are cut from wallboard. Sills, lintels and timber work are of ¼-in, wood, given a walnut oil stain before nailing in place. For a tile-roof effect, glue on pieces of colored cardboard.

Hinged Holder for Your Suitcase Lid Made from Old Rule



Sturdy holders for suitease or tool-chest lids can be made from two sections of a folding rule. Small bolts are used to fasten the ends of the rule to the

lid and bottom rim of the case. When the lid is closed the rule folds inside the case.

Fuller's Earth Restores Oily Shoes

Oil-soaked shoes can be restored to normal dryness with fuller's earth. Cover the bottom of a suitable box with the earth, set the shoes on this and sprinkle more of the earth over them, both inside and out. Allow the shoes to remain in the earth overnight, when it will have absorbed all the excess oil.

¶Stuck caps on paint tubes may be loosened by heating them,



Developing Panchromatic Plates behind Screen Placed in the Light of Green Safe-Light

Screen for Use in Developing New High-Speed Photo Plates

Trouble is often experienced by the amateur when developing the new panchromatic photographic plates, as they are sensitive to all colors of light. By using the illustrated screen between a green safe-light and the plates, there will be sufficient illumination to see the image and govern the developing. The screen consists of a piece of cardboard nailed to a block of wood heavy enough to hold it vertically. Keep the plates and developing trays in the shadow of the screen as shown in the illustration.—K. F. Keith, New Orleans, La.

Metal Cup Traps Bird Lice

Packed with cotton and fitted with a wire-mesh cover, a small metal cup makes a good trap for bird lice. The lice leave the birds during the day and crawl into

cracks and crevices. When one or more of the traps are placed on the cage, at the ends of the perches, the lice get into the



cotton and become so entangled that they cannot escape. The cotton should be changed once a week.



Rim from Auto Steering Wheel, Cut in Half, Makes-Good Handle for Tool Tray

Tool-Box Handle Made from Auto Steering Wheel

The rim from an old steering wheel, cut in half, makes a good handle for a tool tray. Drill and tap the ends of the handle for ¼-in, studs, which are inserted through corresponding holes drilled and countersunk in the bottom of the tray as shown.—W. C. Wilhite, Hornsby, Ill.

Multiple Connectors on Track Improve Operation of Toy Trains

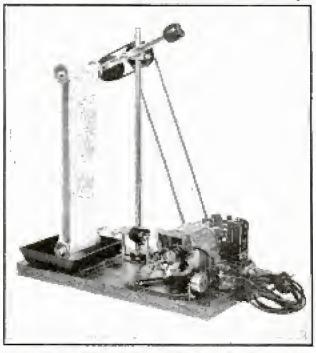
The ends of the rails on a toy-train track often become enlarged after repeated connecting and disconnecting, which results in variable or high-resistance joints and irregular operation of the electric engine as well as a flickering of the lights on the system. This trouble can be remedied by using several electrical connectors from the transformer, spaced at intervals around the track so that the engine will at no time be more than a few track sections from one of them. The terminals of the connectors are then all wired together with lampcord, which may serve as the supply source, or they may be wired together separately to bridge the poor connections in the track.

Roach Trap from Glass Tumbler

Here's a good trap for cockroaches: Cover the bottom of an ordinary glass tumbler to a depth of about I in, with freshly ground coffee. Then smear butter or lard inside the sides of the glass and place it in a corner. At night, the roaches will come out of their hiding places and will be attracted by the odor of the coffee. They crawl into the glass but are unable to get out again as their feet slip on the greasy surface of the glass. A number of these traps placed where the roaches are known to be, will prove effective in quickly exterminating them, besides being much cleaner than the usual powders used for the purpose.-Dominick J. de Caesar, New York City,

Developing Machine Is Driven by Clockwork

This film-developing machine utilizes an old phonograph motor or clockwork to turn the film through the bath. The motor is belted to a double pulley which drives the upper film roller. This is fastened to one end of a pivoted arm, counterweighted to keep the proper tension on the film. With this device, it is possible to



Spring-Wound Motor Keeps Film Moving in Developing or Washing Bath

develop and wash the films without touching them.

FITTING THE HOME Paint and Stained Lange Strips Add Greatly to the Finished Appearance The Average Attic Is Com-paratively Easy to Trans-form into a Game Room

BESIDES its distinct social advantage, real fun and health radiate from a game room, which may be added to the average home with little expense. There is usually plenty of waste space in either the attic or the basement to be utilized for this purpose. If the basement is comparatively dry, it may be the most advisable location for the recreation room, especially as it is kept warm during the winter months, whereas the attic does not have this advantage. If the latter location is chosen, arrangements should be provided for heating it adequately.

Converting Idle Attic or Basement Space

Into an Attractive Recreation Spot

The first consideration is careful planning of the available space. In a basement, a partition should be built to shut off the furnace room. In doing this, first

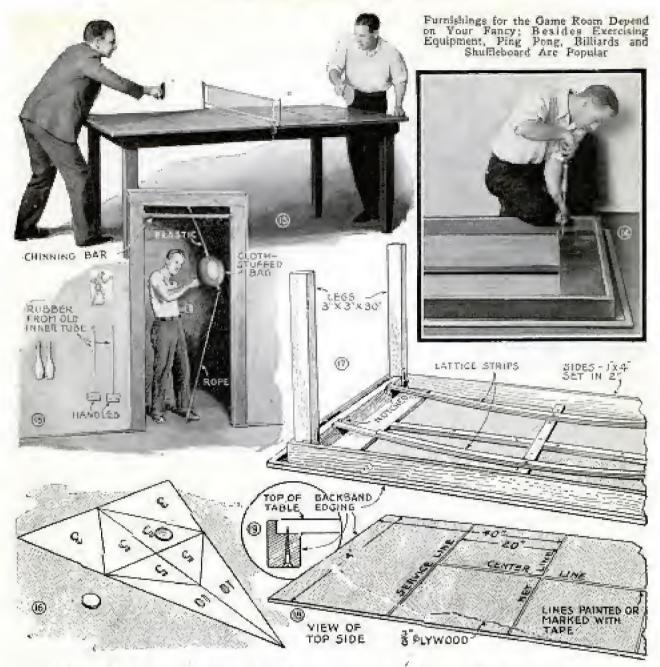
nail a length of 2 by 4-in, stock on the ceiling, either across the first-floor joists, or directly over one of them. Lay a similar length on the floor and then proceed to insert studs between them, cutting these to a tight fit so that they must be driven plumb. Center-to-center distance between studs should be 16 in, in order that the 4-ft, widths of wallboard or plasterboard, to be applied later, will join directly on the studs. For basement use, where humidity varies considerable during summer and winter, plasterboard and fiber-composition board have been found more suitable than ordinary wallboard, as they do not contract and expand appreciably, which would result in a buckled surface. If you desire, the outside walls of the

In the attic of the usual gable-type house, as in Fig. 1, the studs for the side walls are set up in a manner similar to that already described, except that the distance from the floor to the ceiling should be exactly 4 ft. to accommodate standard pieces of wallhoard as shown in Figs, 4 and 5. The carpentry is quite simple and can be done by anyone handy with tools. After the wallboard has been applied, the surface may be calcimined or HANDLE Ornamental Wooden Shutters with Imitation Hinges Can Be Used to Dress Up Bare Windows. While Built-In Bookshelves and Drawers Utilize Wasse Space to Advantage Besides Providing Valuable Storage Space

basement can also be covered in this way, using 2 by 2-in, studs, but the wall, when calcimined, will usually be satisfactory. If wallboard or plasterboard is used to cover the walls, it is advisable to first treat the concrete and brick surface with a good grade of manufactured waterproofing mixture. Of course, the ceiling is also covered with wallboard or plasterboard for the sake of appearance. The wiring should preferably be done before the wallboard is applied, unless extension cords are used, as these should be installed so that they can be readily removed.

given a thin coat of paint with a small hand-operated spray gun, as in Fig. 3. Lattice strips, stained or painted a contrasting color or shade, are tacked over joining edges of the wallboard to hide the seams and give a finished appearance, as in Fig. 6.

Linoleum is invariably used for the flooring. No great amount of detail on the actual room construction is given here, as you can get such information from your local lumber dealer. One or two odd points, however, are worthy of consideration. Notice, in Fig. 7, that the use of inside shutters takes away the bareness of the usual small single window. Fitted



with "dummy" hinges, cut from linoleum and painted black, they can be made highly attractive. Then, too, what about that extra space beyond the 4-ft, sidewall? The answer is to build simple bookshelves, as shown in Fig. 8, to make use of this valu-Balance a bookshelf on one side of the room with a chest of drawers on the opposite wall, as in Fig. 9. This unit may be an old dresser, with the top cut off flush and the drawer stops set forward 56 in., as shown in Fig. 10, in order to keep the drawers flush with the wall when the wallboard and lattice strips are added; or the bookshelf and the drawers may be fitted on one side and the opposite side utilized as an attic proper by hinging one of the panels so that it will swing outward; Equipment for the game room is largely a matter of your particular choice. One family gets along nicely with a ping-pong table, while another needs a considerable number of toys and games. A fe/w standard pieces, which can be easily made in the home workshop, are given here, not, in any way, striving for completeness, but just to give you an idea. Take the game of shuffleboard as played on board ocean liners. That's a good game and easy to make. All you need is two sticks shaped somewhat like the one shown in Fig. 11, and four round disks of wood, the size of the equipment depending on the room and the persons who will play the game. The rest is simply a matter of painting a court at one end of the



from end to end and fitting into notches cut in each end crosspiece. When the table is not in use, the strips can be snapped upward, thus allowing the legs to fold inside the table top. If a billiard table is desired, the same construction may be followed with the addition of a felt covering, which should be glued to the table top over several layers of building paper, likewise glued. The bank is made from two strips

Simple Billiard Table Having a Wooden Bank Provided with a Length of Rubber Tubing Tacked On to Serve as Rebounding Strip; Pockets May Be Added or the Bank May Be Removable for Ping Pong

room, as shown in Fig. 16. The object of the whole thing is to get a "big push" and zip your puck down to the court so that it lands in one of the ten-spots. And half-way in is out!

By all means reserve a small corner for exercising equipment. If you don't feel like buying any, you can get along meely with a pair or so of dumbbells, a simple wall exerciser made from old inner-tube rubber, a cloth-

stuffed punching bag and a chiming bar, as shown in Fig. 15. Of course, that's only a suggestion.

Ping pone and billiards are perhaps the two most popular home games for the teens and twenties. These two are mentioned, as it were, in the same breath because the construction for the simple pingpong table (Figs. 13, 14, 17 and 18) is the basis for the home billiard table shown in Fig 21. Naturally enough, the plywood base is not the equal of more solid materials, but it is light and easily handled—an important consideration. You will notice that the table legs, Fig. 17, are held in place by means of lattice strips, sprung

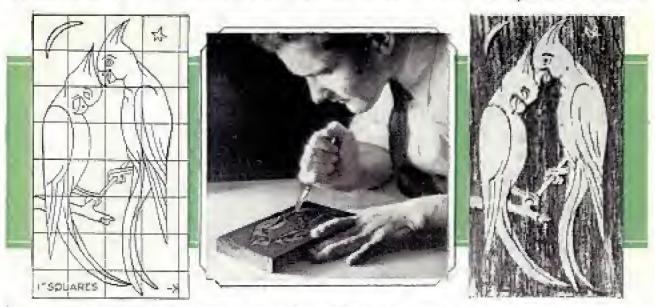
of wood, fastened together with finishing nails and fitted all around the table with round-head wood screws, which represent the usual diamonds. The round cut-out on the bank, as shown in the detail of Fig. 20, is fitted with a continuous length of rubber tubing, which is glued and bradded into place, as in Fig. 22. The nails should be hammered lightly until they pierce the outer layer of rubber in order to get a uniform rebounding surface. Pockets can be added to the table by cutting

out the corners and fitting with nets in the conventional manner. If a billiard table alone is desired, the bank can be made portable by attaching it with small wingnuts. Complete details on the construction of a small billiard table for the home were published in the October, 1931, issue of Popular Mechanics.

Rolling Guide for Paint Striping

With the use of an ordinary caster and a wooden block, you can make a rolling guide for striping with a brush. The block holds both the brush and caster, the latter rolling along the edge of the work.

Unusual Woodcuts Carved with a Jackknife



Coarse-Grained Oak Used for Woodcuts Gives Unusual Effect, Somewhat Similar to Crayon Work; Either the Subject or the Background Is Cut Away. Depending on the Particular Design Selected for This Purpose

OAK lends itself particularly to use for woodcuts as it shows the grain. The design can be taken from a newspaper or

magazine, or you may sketch some original design. This is transferred to the surface of a flat piece of oak by means of carbon paper, and the parts not to be reproduced are cut away with a sharp jackknife. You can either bring the subject in relief by carving away the background, or you can show the wood grain on the background by cutting out the design.

After the cutting has been finished, get a tube of printers' ink, a roller and a piece of plate glass or marble. Squeeze some of the ink on the plate, and work it out evenly with the roller. Next run the roller over the

cut, being sure to cover the surface completely and evenly. Place the paper on the inked surface of the block and press

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- 1. One or more entries may be made. Models must be entirely of wood, and cut with no other tools than a jack-knife.
- 2. No adhesives may be used.
- 3. Carvings submitted must not be painted, silvered as gilded, and will remain the property of Popular Mechanics after the contest closes.

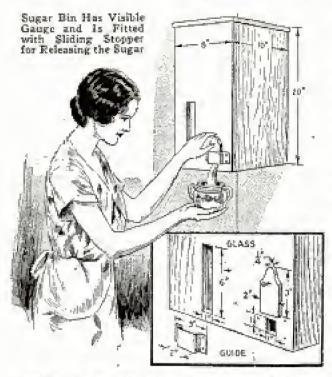
All models must be shipped, cf: paid, in suitable packages to avoid breakage. Be sure to affix tag giving your name and address on the outside wrapper of the package.

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it down with the curved portion of a large tablespoon, taking care that you rub every part of the block. A Japanese paper has been found to give excellent effects, although any kind of paper will do, preferably one that has a rather rough surface. Even the reverse side of certain kinds of wallpaper has been found suitable for this purpose. When printing, you must, of course, be careful to prevent the paper from moving. The illustrations on this page show a design of two cockatoos, the cutting of the block and the finished effect when printed on paper.



This Sugar Bin Is a Handy Addition to Your Pantry

Here is a sugar bin that occupies little space and is convenient to use. It is made of ¼-in, wood cut to the dimensions given. In the lower right-hand corner of the front piece, a hole is cut and fitted with a cover sliding in a metal strap. To provide a gauge, a long, narrow hole is cut in the front and covered with a piece of glass on the inside. A hinged lid on top makes the bin readily accessible for refilling. It may be set on a shelf attached to a wall.

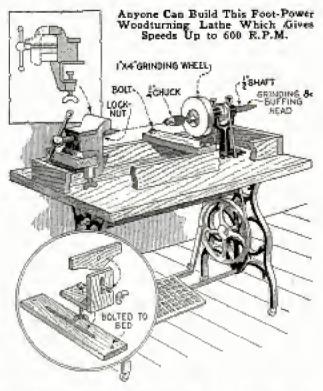
Metallic Wicks Increase Brightness of Candles

With candles again becoming popular, an old scientific novelty has been revived, namely, a wick on which little globules of lead form as the candle burns. These collect on the wick and bend it down, thus increasing the brightness of the flame. To make these wicks, melt tallow, 100 parts, and add to it carbonate of lead, 5 or 10 parts. The lead easily unites with the tallow when stirred. Soak the wicks in this mixture while it is melted, and when cooled, proceed to make the candles in the ordinary way.

¶Lights placed under the bed illuminate the room but do not strain the eyes of a sick person.

Portable Home-Workshop Wood Lathe

With a discarded sewing-machine stand and a few small parts, the woodworker, who has no power facilities, can build this portable foot-power wood lathe-at little expense. First substitute a board, 20 by 30 by 2 in, in size, for the original top of the machine, and brace the stand well to withstand the vibration. Then make the tailstock from half of a small bench vise, using the half that contains the screw, which is reversed and pointed to serve as an adjustable center. The screw should also be provided with a locknut to keep it from turning. Next, a bed is constructed of 1 by 10-in, stock, the same length as the stand, and a crosspiece of 1 by 4-in, stock is screwed to it for attachment of the improvised tailstock as shown. It may be necessary to shim the vise to obtain alinement with the headstock. The bed is held to the table top so that it can be moved forward or backward for long or short work. An adjustable toolrest is made as shown in the lower detail and bolted to the bed. The headstock consists of a grinding head, one end being fitted with a 1/4-in. chuck and a grinding wheel, which serves as a flywheel, while buffing wheels can be fitted to the other end. The headstock is belted to the treadle wheel of the



machine. Speeds up to 600 r.p.m. are obtainable.

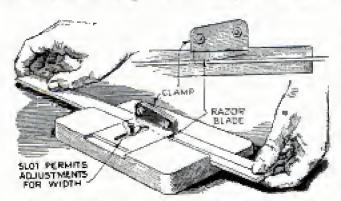
well sanded, it is ready for painting. The ground color is a greenish black. This can be imitated by adding dry lampblack to orange shellac, a little at a time, stirring thoroughly until well dissolved. Sandpaper between coats and apply at least four, allowing each to dry for a day. The last coat should be dulled with pumice and water. The decoration is then painted in oil colors. Fig. 2 shows a half pattern for the front as nearly as it can be discerned from the original model, and the design has also been touched up in the photograph. The ends are similarly decorated but all other surfaces are left plain.

How to Shoot Small-Gauge Shells in Large-Gauge Gun

Did you ever go on a hunting trip and discover you had inadvertently taken some 16-gauge shells along with your 12-gauge shells? If so, and you run out of the No. 12 shells, try the following method of shooting the No. 16 shells: Cut the caps off some of the larger shells that have been discharged, slip the empty shells over the smaller ones so that the latter are centered in the barrel, and it is then an easy matter to fire them in the gun.

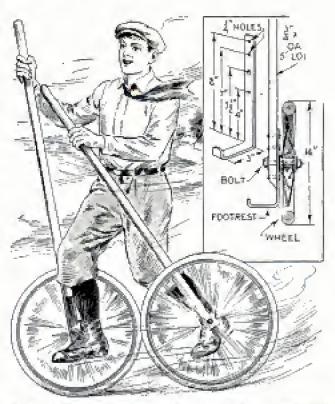
Tool for Cutting Balsa Wood into Thin Strips

Balsa wood can be cut into thin strips by using the illustrated tool, which is simply a safety-razor blade held in a clamp attached to a grooved base, as shown.



Balsa Wood Cut into Thin Strips with Tool Made from Rezor Blade

The clamp is slotted to take a bolt projecting from the base, and a wingnut is used to hold the clamp securely in any desired position.



High Speeds Can Be Attained with These Wheeled Stilts When You Learn to Balance Them

Stilts Mounted on Wheels Attain High Speeds

Used in a manner similar to roller skates, you can attain high speed on these wheeled stilts, the construction and dimensions of which are clearly shown in the drawing. The operator stands on the footrests, keeping one wheel slightly ahead of the other to aid in balancing.

Locating Small Objects Imbedded in Auto Casing

Small objects, such as thorns and headless tacks, that bed themselves in an autocasing and cause punctures, are sometimes rather difficult to locate. After removing the easing from the rim, lay it flat on the ground. Then remove the inner tube, being careful not to shift its relative position in the casing, and lay it flat on top of the casing. Next, mark the two so that they may again be assembled in the same position. When the puncture has paired, place the two together, and mark the spot on the casing where the puncture occurred. If the sharp point of the object cannot be felt on the inside of the casing with the finger tips, carefully examine the outside with a sharp pointed tool for the hole left by the object.

etal-Foil Wall Decoration You Can Apply

should be spread only over an area of four squares at a time, as it dries quickly, and the work of applying the foil must be done fast and accurately. Start at one corner and allow the square to make contact gradually, without pulling or shifting it. Once applied, the piece cannot be shifted or removed. Keep a cheesecloth rag soaked in gasoline handy for cleaning the walls, tools and hands. The surface may be left as it is, or may be stenciled or striped in flat colors in any patterns or tints desired. A dead finish suitable for this work can be made from any good enamel under-

Metal foil on a paper backing lends itself admirably to decorative purposes for walls and ceilings, especially those requiring a distinctly modernistic touch. In the work shown in the photos, the metal used was aluminum. Before applying it, prepare the walls by sandpapering the surface smooth. Then give the walls a coat of sizing, composed as follows: Soak 1/2 lb. ground gelatin glue overnight in enough hot water to cover it, then dilute the solution with 4 qt. of hot water to which is added a half cupful of Venetian turpentine. Apply this with a calcimine brush, taking care to avoid runs. After drying, the walls are again gone over lightly with No. I sandpaper. It is best to have the

foil cut into sheets of convenient size at the factory. The pieces used in the room illustrated were 14 in. square. The adhesive, which is bakelite cement, is spread over the walls evenly with a 4-in per scraper after dabbing it on at 6-in intervals with a small paintbrush. The layout of the squares should be calculated carefully before applying them, as part of the attractiveness of this wall covering is the hair lines of the butt joints. Adhesive



Distinctive Modernistic Effect in Wall Decoration Obtained with Metal Foil, Which Is Easy to Apply

coating. Thin it one-third with turpentine and add the color. A sponge dipped in a solution consisting of 1 gal. of benzine and two cupfuls of varnish remover, will quickly remove the paint, when repainting is desired,

¶A small cork with a groove cut lengthwise and slipped on the back of a paring knife will prevent a sore finger owing to constant pressure on the back of the knife.

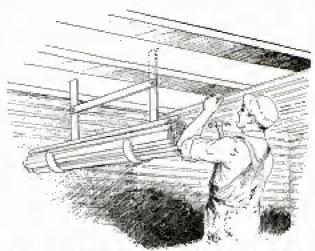
Bakelite Corfe, 244 Parkline

How to Find the Pitch and Diameter of Internal Threads

Diameter and pitch of internal threads can be found by screwing a square softwood plug into the hole. The diagonal cross section of the plug should equal the approximate outside diameter of the threads. After removing the plug, the number of threads per inch can readily be determined, and the diameter of the hole approximates the diagonal of the plug. In this way, different sizes of screws are found without trial.

b Rack Holds Lath While Working on Ceiling

Stooping to pick up material from the scaffold, when lathing a ceiling, is unnecessary if the illustrated hooks, made from three lengths of flat iron, are used. One piece is a crosspiece pivoted between the other two, which have sharp points formed at their upper ends as indicated,



Flat-Iron Rack Holds Lath near Ceiling in Convenient Position for the Workman

while the lower ends are curved into large hooks to hold the lath. In use, the hooks are spread apart so that the pointed upper ends can be inserted between the joists. By pulling the hooks together at their lower extremity the points are forced into the joists and hold the rack securely in position.

\$2,500 in Cash for De Witt Clinton Models

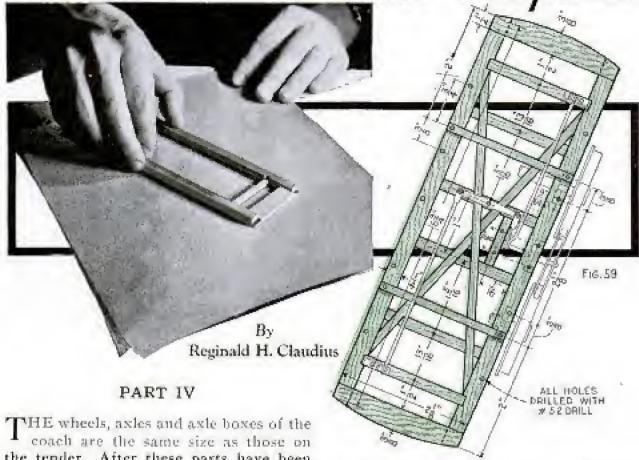
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Contestants are required to submit photographs of their models and, in case of necessity, the model itself may be requested for inspection, but will be returned. Models must be built to the scale and of the material prescribed in the Jan., Feb., March and April, 1932, issues of Popula! Mechanics. All parts must be finished as specified and the painting scheme in the last installment must also be followed. Blueprints of the locomotive, tender and coaches are available. As a special service to those building this model, Popular Mechanics will furnish No. 0-80 screws and nuts per package of 100 each for 75 cents. A material list, and information concerning cost of materials, where to obtain them, etc., will be sent free upon request.

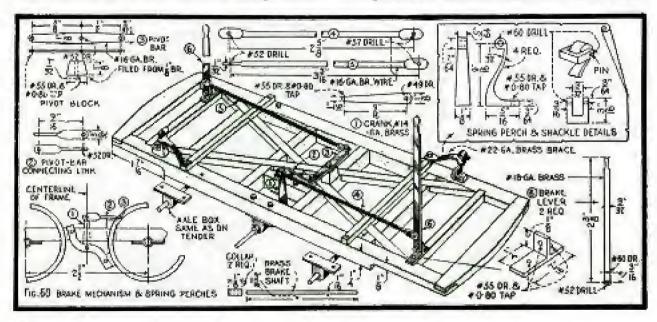
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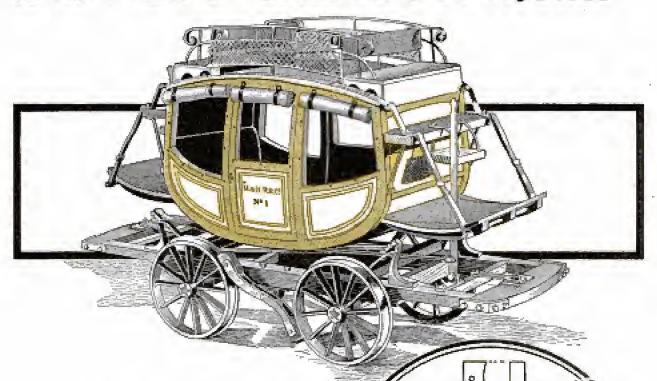
THE wheels, axles and axle boxes of the coach are the same size as those on the tender. After these parts have been made, the frame is constructed. All wooden parts are made of mahogany joined with a waterproof glue as shown in Figs. 59 and 60. The end crosspieces are joined to the side members with a lapped corner joint, while the first inner crosspieces are cut 1/2-in. square and mortised into the side members. The four remaining cross-

pieces are glued in with close-fitting butt joints. The diagonals or X-members are cut ½-in, square, halved at the center, and let into the four crosspieces to a depth of ½ in. Angle braces are bolted to the four corners with No. 0-80 screws, the latter turned up in the wood.

Fig. 60 details the construction and as-



DEWITT CLINTON Model



sembly of the brake mechanism and the four spring perches on the frame. The two bearings carrying the brake shaft are of the same construction as the axle boxes, but are only 1/2 in. wide. They are drilled with a No. 49 drill to take the shaft, and are bolted to the frame with No. 0-80 The shaft is cut to the length given from 1/10-in. Arass wire, and two collars are made from brass tubing, drilled if necessary, to fit over the shaft. The crank, part 1 of Fig. 60, is made to the dimensions. given, and the shaft is slipped through the outer bearing. The crank is placed on the shaft and the latter is then slipped into the inner bearing, beyond which it projects 1/8 in. The collars are placed on the shaft and soldered, and the crank is soldered to the shaft, the position of the former allowing approximately 1/8-in, clearance from the frame member supporting the inner brake-shaft bearing. Next, the pivot bar, part 3, the brake levers, part 6, and the two brackets pivoting the levers on the frame, are made. Both ends of the pivot bar are drilled and tapped. 0-80 screw is passed through the center of the bar, turned into the tapped hole in the block, and into a No. 52 hole at the center of the frame member. The screw should be adjusted to allow the bar free move-

ACTUAL SIZE BRAKE-SHOE SUPPOR Fis. 61 ment, after which the nut is tulner home. The shorter half of the pivot bar, measuring from the pivot point, connects to the link, part 2. Parts 2, 4 and 5 are then made as detailed and assembled as shown, the brake rods alining with the side members of the frame as in Fig. 59. The No. 0-80 screws holding the brake-lever brack-

ets, are turned into tapped holes from the

underside of the frame, and the lever is pivoted to the bracket with a No. 0-80

screw, the end of which is cut off and filed

flush, after which it is lightly checked

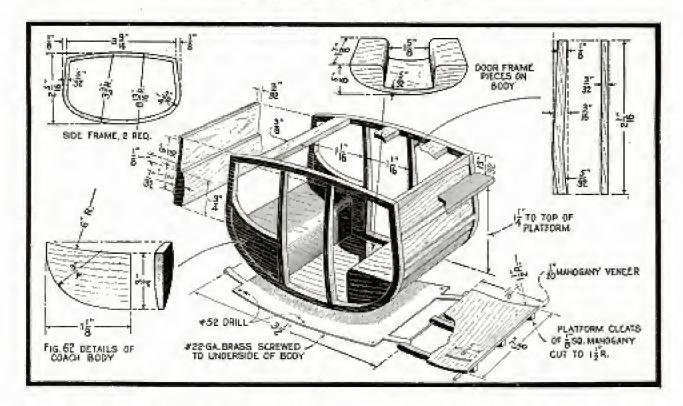
with a punch to prevent its backing out due to the motion of the lever. The rods

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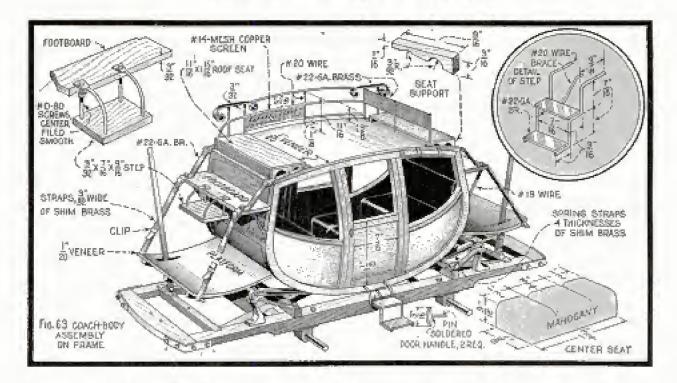
are riveted to the levers with ordinary pins.

Next the spring perches are made as in the upper right-hand detail, the curved upright being sawed and filed to shape from 1/2-in, brass, while the shackles are made from No. 16-gauge brass. The latter are riveted to the perch with pins to allow a slight movement. The perches are bolted to the frame with No. 0-80 screws turned up from the underside, the projecting ends of the screws being cut off and filed flush. The four axle boxes are put in place on the axles and bolted to the frame with a single No. 0-80 screw for each box. The screws pass through the four inner holes nearest the center of the frame. Two bolsters, 1/8 by 1/8 by 21/8 in., are then gut and the ends drilled with a No. a drill. Four braces are made from No. 22-gauge brass, one end drilled with a No. 52 drill and the other notched to fit the perch. The brace is bent to the form shown, and the single No. 0-80 screw which holds it in place passes through the bolster, the side frame and into the tapped hole in the axle-bex plate. The braces must be cut to such length that, when bent to the shape shown and bolted in place, the notched end will bear against the perch at a point approximately 1/2 in. below the center of the eye.

Fig. 61 gives a full-size drawing of the

brake arms, and from this the outline may be traced on a piece of No. 22-gauge brass, sawed to form and used as a template. Two S-shaped arms are required, both ends of one piece being drilled and tapped for No. 0-80 screws. No. 52 holes are drilled through the second arm and also through the shoes, which are made of mahogany. No. 49 holes are drilled at the center of both pieces. Do not assemble them on the brake shaft until the coach body has been mounted on the frame.

Fig. 62 shows the first steps in building the coach body. The side frames are cut from 1/8-in, mahogany to the dimensions given in the upper-left detail, and also the door frames as shown in the upper righthand detail. The latter are spaced as indicated and glued in place. Four curved panels are made as in the lower-left detail, by sawing the pieces from 3/6-in. mahogany to the dimensions given, plus 1/8in, allowance in height, bringing this to 3/4 in, instead of 3/4 in, as given. The panel pieces are fitted in the frame as shown, With the latter on a flat surface and the panel pieces in place, the curve of the door frames is marked and a pencil mark is run around the lower edge to indicate the thickness of the side frame. The waste is pared off to the line, giving the surface a rounded contour back from the door frame besides retaining the vertical curve

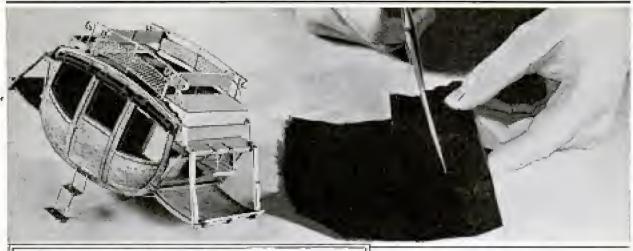


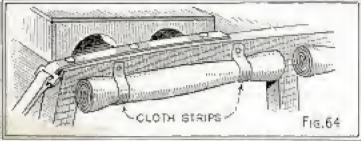
which coincides with that of the door frame. The top edge of the back face is cut away, to bring the thickness to approximately 1/2 in., giving the window sill an outward and downward curve, as can be seen from the center view, which shows the finished panel in place. Gluing the four panels into the frames is next, after which the parts are sanded flush on the back by rubbing them on a sheet of fine sandpaper. The top edge of each panel is finished by paring it down to an approximate width of 34 in, where the panel joins This will shorten the the door frame. original radius somewhat, giving a sharper downward curve from the point where the panel joins the end of the frame. To better represent the original panel, the edges of the four panel pieces are undercut to a depth of about 1/2 in., all around, a vertical knife cut being made 3/2 in, below the curved top edge. Also, the panel surface is pared down to meet this cut as well as the edge of the door frame to form the strips. This can be seen from the body assembly in Fig. 63,

The single piece that forms the bettom of the coach body and the end seats, is shown in the central top detail in Fig. 62. The radius at the ends should be ½2 in, shorter than that of the side frame, so that, when assembled, the latter will project to form the paneled ends of the body, as shown in the center detail. Saw the

bottom to shape from solid wood, sand the seats smooth, their height being slightly less than 5% in, as given, and then glue the sides to the bottom. When glued in place, the ends form the backs of the seats. Allow 1/2-in. projection of the sides when gluing the ends, so that the panel strips may be glued in, three on each end. These are cut 1/4 in, wide from veneer, and are spaced approximately 5% in. apart. The lower edge of the top strip is curved slightly. Glue three 1/8 by 3/4-in, roof supports in the position shown, then cut a piece of 1/6-in, mahogany veneer 1/8 in. larger each way than the over-all size of the top, with the grain running lengthwise. Dampen one side of this to facilitate bending, and glue in place, after which the projections at the ends are trimmed off and sanded flush. The door panel is made from one piece and the top and bottom panel strips are represented by recessing the panel to form a narrow strip at the top and bottom. The top rail is cut 1/8 by 1/2 in. The stiles are cut 1/2 in, thick and are sanded until the door is a snug fit in the frame,

Next, four 1/4-in. strips are cut to 5/2-in. wide, from No. 22-gauge brass. An eye is formed at one end of each, 5/2 in. long and 5/4 in. wide, and the remaining portion is then filed to 5/4-in. width. Two No. 52 holes, equally spaced, are drilled through each strip, which is bolted to the roof





corners with No. 0-80 screws turned into the wood. The strip is set so that the eye overhangs the edge of the roof as shown in Fig. 63. The heads of the screws are filed back to about two-thirds of their original size before they are inserted. The four corner posts supporting the top railing are cut from No. 18 brass wire and are soldered to the roof strips and the seat backs, which

are % in. wide. The center stay is forced into a drilled hole in the wood and is soldered to the back. The remaining posts of

PAINT SPECIFICATIONS

LOCOMOTIVE

Olive Green: engine frame, pedestals, pedestal tie-rods, tapered sections of side rod, also truss rods, engine platform and supports, spokes and inner faces of wheel rims, and wheel hubs.

Unpainted and Polished: crossbeads and guides, connecting rods and straps, axle cranks and eccentrics, safety valve and arm, throttle-valve handle and arm, eccentric rods and rocker arms, handwheels of "tee," fitting at front of boiler, mechanical-feed and hand-pump pistons, handles on band pump, and valve rod and block.

Silver: outer edge of driving wheel rims and the running surface of tread and flange, stars on wheel hubs.

Flat Black: all remaining parts of locomotive, stripes on engine frame, outline of stars on wheel limbs, and circular stripe on wheel hubs.

TENDER

Olive Green: feame, spokes, hubs, and inner faces of wheel rims, conductor's seat except arm rests or supports, water tank, barrels except hoops, and entire roof.

Unpainted: barrel hoops, and wood pile.

Silver: outer edge of wheel rims and running surface of tread and flange; stars on wheel hubs.

Flat Black: all remaining parts of tender and outline of stars on wheel hubs.

Tan: lettering on tank sides.

COACH

Olive Green: frame, spokes, hubs, and inner faces of wheel rims, roul seats and supports, footboards, steps and platform, including edges.

Silver: onter edge of wheel rims and running surface of treat and flange.

Black: entire inside of coach body, including inner edges of windows and doors; all remaining metal parts on frame and body: roof, including edge, and hair stripes on body and door panels.

Yellow: couch side panels and door panels, end panels, and hottom of coach body.

Tan: panel or trim strips on sides and ends, door frames, stiles and crossrails, and lettering on doors.

A chart showing the exact colors will be furnished on request

the railing and the scrolled seat arms are then soldered in place, and small-mesh copper window screen for the sides is cut diago-

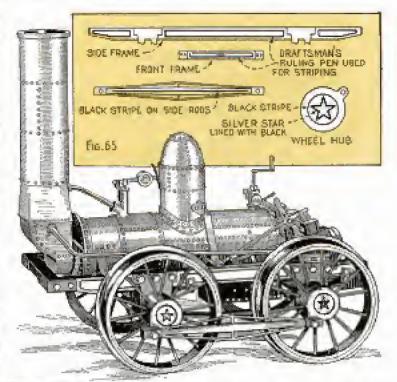
The footboards, %, in. wide and as long as the body is wide, are glued in place. The supports and lower braces are assembled on the footboard as shown, using No. 22gauge brass for the support, the lower end of which forms an eye, and No. 18-gauge wire for the brace. The upper end of the latter is tapped for a No. 0-80 screw, and the lower end drilled to take a screw turning up into the wood, The step is then bolted to the footboard as in the upper-left detail. No. 0-80 screws pass through clearance holes in the flattened

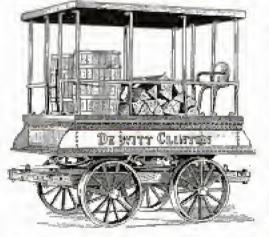
ends of the wire supports, through the footboard and into tapped holes in the step. The ends of the wire supports are forced into holes in the wood, and nuts are run up on the bolts to hold the parts in place.

in place.

Both front and rear platforms are hinged to a plate cut from No. 22gauge brass, the hinge pin being formed from

a piece of fine wire, which passes through the three cleats that are glued to the lower side of the platform. The platform is curved only on the front half. The 11/2-in, radius given is only approximate, as is the distance between the eyes of the bottom plate, these dimensions being determined after the parts have been made. The plate is cut 1/2 in, less than the width of the body, and is screwed to the latter with No. 0-80 screws turned up in the wood. The straps supporting the outer end of the platform are cut from shim brass, ,003 to .005 in, thick, their lower ends being bent around a wire rod as shown. A drop of solder prevents the straps from slipping off, and the small clip, resembling a buckle, may also be soldered. Owing to the light weight of the platform, it is best glued to the body to hold it in position

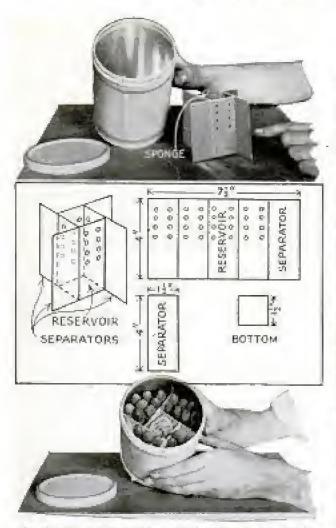




better. Addition of one step, door handles, a center seat, made according to the lower right-hand detail, and curtain fasteners made from cut-off pins with the heads flattened, completes the assembly of the coach body. The door and window curtains are put on after the body has been painted.

Solder the four wheels to the axles, file the projecting ends flush and solder the assembled brake to the shaft with the brake levers inclined a trifle forward, and the shoes bearing only slightly on the wheel treads. The projecting end of the shaft is filed off. The body is supported on spring straps cut from shim brass soldered first to the brass plate on the body. The free ends are run through the shackles, the body is adjusted so that the bottom plate just clears the broke pivot bar, and the free ends are bent inder and soldered near the center of the body. The frame and body should be rainted, however, before the latter is wountled. Leave the edges of the bottom platic unpainted, as about 1/2 in, of these must take solder.

For finishing, lacquer or paint may be used.



Fitted with a Water Pan and Sponge Compartment, a Coffee Can Makes Good Humidor

Homemade Humidor for Cigars

An efficient humidor for cigars can be made from an ordinary coffee can. The water pan and sponge holder is made of sheet brass and is perforated to allow circulation of moisture-laden air through the can. The edges of the water pan are extended to fit snugly against the side of the humidor, which holds the cigars in a vertical position.—John S. MacClary, Pueblo, Colorado.

Releasing Bendix Starter with Crank

When a bendix starter becomes stuck on the gear teet to of the motor flywheel, it can be loosened by placing the crank in the starting position. Then have someone push the car, and at the same time put your entire weight or the crank. In this way, the slack in the gears is taken up, and the starter can usually be loosened with one shove on the car.—R. C. Norton, Hamilton, Ontario, Can.

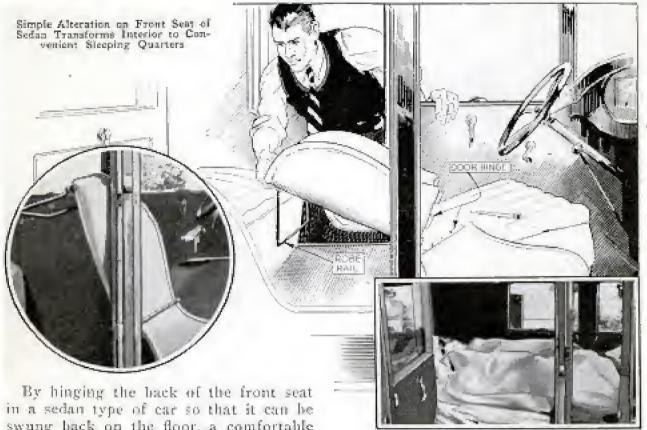
Cheap Method of Doing Copy Work with Camera

If you have a camera, particularly one that uses cut films, you have a cheap means of making copies of printed matter and drawings, or even photographs. Get a quantity of glossy bromide enlarging paper, single weight, and cut it into sheets to fit the magazine of the camera, or if it is the roll-film type, cut the paper in strips and roll it on spools. For copy work, the contrast grade of paper is preferable as it gives sharper results, while the normal grade is best for outdoor pictures. Of course, this paper must be handled in a dark room, in which the illumination is from a suitable light. The finished copies will be reversed, that is, white on the copy will be black and vice versa. Positive reproductions can be made by using the paper negative in a manner similar to that of regular film or plates. Linseed oil applied to the surface, and then rubbed off, will increase the transparency of the paper when printing. For making outdoor pictures on this paper, give as much exposure as possible, 1/25 second at a lens opening of f:4.5 usually being sufficient in a well-lighted place. Prints made from bromide-paper negatives are not sharp, as it is necessary to print through the paper. but the resulting picture often is highly pleasing in spite of its diffusion. The chief advantage of this method over regular photographs is the low cost of the bromide paper as compared with that of photographic films or plates. Copies made directly with a camera will be reversed, and must be read with the aid of a mirror,



Copy Work Cheaply Done with Camera by Substituting Bromide Paper for Regular Pilms or Plates

Hinged Seat of Sedan Forms Comfortable Bed

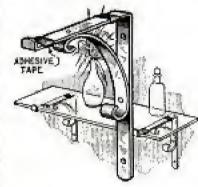


By hinging the back of the front seat in a sedan type of car so that it can be swung back on the floor, a comfortable bed can be made without marring the appearance of the car. Cut the seat straight across even with the top of the cushion. Then join the upper and lower part of the seat at the back with large butt binges. Next, screw one-half of a similar hinge on each side, as shown in the upper right-hand illustration. When the pins of the side hinges are in place, the seat is rigidly held in its normal position as shown in

the left-hand photo. To complete the job, attach a robe rail to the back of the seat to hold it in a horizontal position when swung down on the floor. To make up the bed, let down the back of the front seat, reverse the front and rear cushions to make the bed level, and put on the linen and comforters. All cut metal parts should be painted to prevent rusting.

Tape on Shelf Bracket Holds Glass from Slipping

Some of the less expensive glass shelves are not provided with any means of fastening them securely to their brackets and often slip off and break. To overcome



this trouble, remove the shelf and wrap the brackets with adhesive tape, gummed side out, as shown, and press the glass upon them. The gum on the tape will adhere to the glass and prevent it from slipping.

Preventing Breakage of Towrope

When a car becomes mired in the mud and no rope strong enough to tow it out is available, the car can often be pulled out with a fairly light rope by utilizing a simple mechanical principle. While it will be broken quickly by a sudden jerk, it will stand a hard strain on a steady pull. To enable this, take up the slack in the rope hetween the mired car and the tow car by having someone pull out on the middle of the rope until it is stretched tight.



Counterweighted Cellar Doors Can Be Made to Operate Easily Enough for a Child to Open Them

Counterweights Help Raise Heavy Cellar Doors

Heavy cellar doors can be easily opened if they are fitted with the counterweight arrangement shown. It consists of three lengths of flat or angle iron and a hook holding the weights. The two longer pieces are fastened together at one end, while the shortest piece is bent at right angles and is screwed to the underside of the door. The method of attachment is clearly shown in the drawing. In order to have the doors work independently, each is fitted with a separate counterweight.

Paper Clamps Hold Small Picture Frames While Gluing

When gluing small picture frames, spring paper clamps of the type shown in



the photo will be found useful for holding the ends together while the glue dries. Their jaws are strong enough to grip the joints tightly, and will open far enough

to prevent marring the frame when putting them on or taking them off.

Phonograph Motor Rotates Round Objects While Paint Dries

When painting small, round parts, difficulty is often experienced where the surface must be smooth and touching up is impossible. One remedy for this trouble is to rotate the parts sufficiently fast to prevent the paint from running, but not so fast as to throw it off. An ordinary phonograph motor rotates slowly enough for this purpose. By turning the phonograph on its side and mounting the object on a cork carefully centered on the shaft, a satisfactory drying lathe can be made. This method recently saved me hours of time in a crackle-finish job on a number of sunshades. A fan and heater mounted near by will speed up the drying process. -Ronald L. Ives, Upper Montelair, N. J.

Level Improvised from Plumb Bob and Folding Rule

Fastened in a triangular shape as shown, a 3-ft, section of a folding rule makes a good frame to hold a small plumb bob when it is necessary to improvise a level. The ends of the rule are drilled to receive small bolts by which it is held in shape. The center of the horizontal section is marked as shown in the photo. When

the bob is hung up, a true level is obtained when the point of the bob is directly over the marked center on the base.

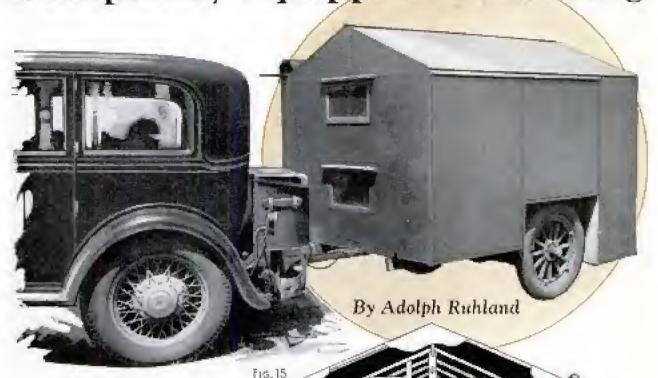


Substitute for Ring on Flashlight

A good substitute for the ring on the bottom of a flashlight can be made by bending a piece of Me-in, wire into a "U" with the ends about I in apart. Remove and punch two holes in the bottom cap of the light to take the ends. Then sweat a washer over each end of the wire to keep it from pulling through the cap, and bend them over at right angles. If the flashlight is to be used constantly, a book fastened to the user's belt will provide a convenient means of carrying it.—Herbert Johnson, Woodbury, N. J.

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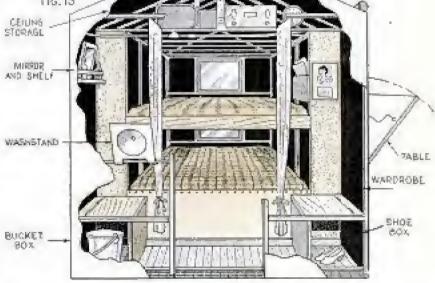
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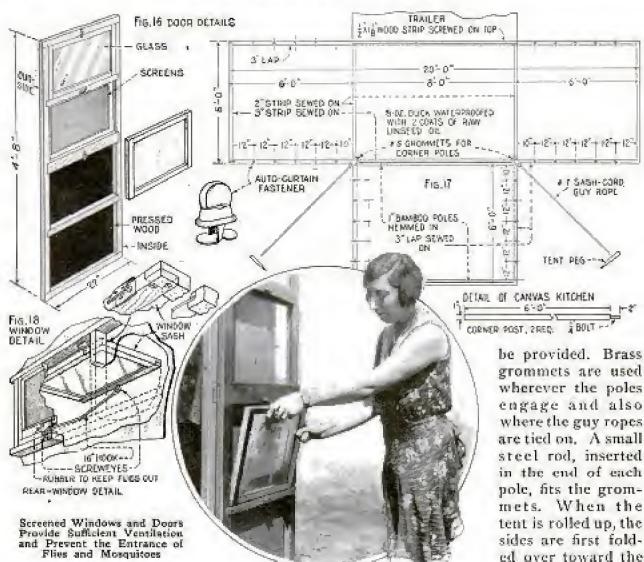
PART II

VENTILATION in the trailer is obtained by opening the front windows and the glass panels of the rear door, all openings being, of course, well screened to prevent the entrance of flies and mosquitoes. As may be seen from several of the views, a separate window is provided at the head of each berth, insuring plenty of fresh air for the sleepers. The window

construction is detailed in Fig. 18, which gives a view from the inside of the trailer. A simple frame is built to hold both screen and window, the former screwed or hooked on the inside, and the latter binged to the top member of the frame with small butt binges. A 16-in, book holds the window in the open position, the book passing through a slot in the screen frame to engage with a screweye driven into the latter. A piece of sheet rubber, slitted and tacked over the slot, keeps flies out effec-



tively. The door details are given in Fig. 16. After making the frame to fit the door opening, and dividing it into four sections of equal size, the lower half of the door is covered with pressed wood and the upper half with screen. Two window sashes are then made to fit into the sections, and turnbuttons are used to keep them in place, although it is a good idea to nail strips over the crosspieces to project about ½ in, above them, and then a turnbutton is needed only at the top. This

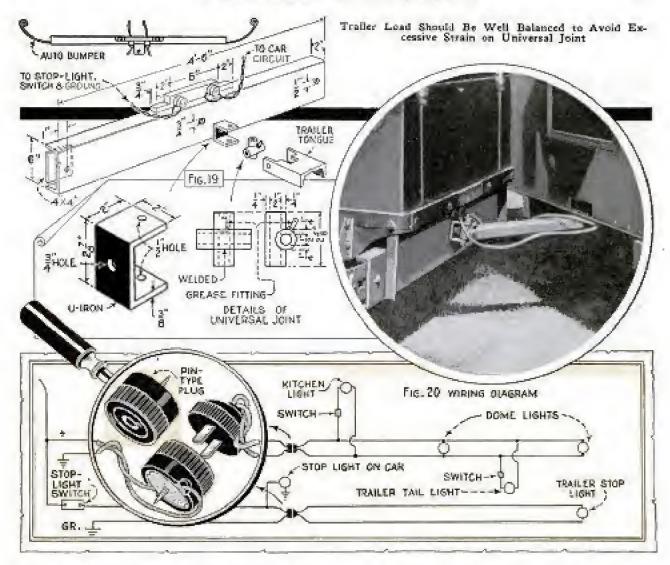


arrangement allows the sash to close the screened portion of the door. When full ventilation is desired, the sash are slipped into the lower sections, as shown in the photo, where they are entirely out of the way. Strips to shed rain are screwed above each window, over the door and along the edge of the roof. These strips are pieces of molding with a rounded lower edge that makes the water drip off instead of creeping around to the surface below the strips.

The dimensions for the tent are given in Fig. 17, showing how bamboo poles are sewed in the hems for rigidity, the points where sash-cord guy ropes are attached for bracing, and where auto-curtain iasteners are placed for closing the tent tightly at all corners. The edges of the canvas are doubled to provide strength before attaching the fasteners. Also, the size of the corner poles is given in the lower detail. If desired, a center pole may grommets are used wherever the poles engage and also where the guy ropes are tied on. A small steel rod, inserted in the end of each pole, fits the grommets. When the tent is rolled up, the sides are first folded over toward the center, the poles

laid in place and the canvas rolled up evenly and tightly. Three straps attached to the edge of the trailer roof hold the roll in place securely while traveling.

Now the trailer is complete except for the wiring and the hitch. A highly satisfactory universal joint is shown in Fig. 19. It consists of two pieces of steel tubing, placed at right angles and welded together, both of the pieces being notched to fit each other, whereupon one is drilled and tapped for a grease fitting, which makes it easy to keep the joint well lubricated. The vertical piece fits a U-iron drilled for a 1/2-in, bolt, which holds the two pieces together securely. The horizontal piece similarly fits the end of the trailer tongue, which is a suitable length of channel iron of the right size, bolted to the trailer crosspiece and screwed to the underside of the trailer floor. The U-iron is connected to the car by means of a drawbar, which is a length of heavy channel iron



fitting over the bumpers of the car, a 34in, hole being drilled through both U-iron and drawbar for a ¾-in, bolt which holds the two pieces together. Iron plates, 3/8 by 4 by 4 in., straddle the inside of the bumpers, and both the plates and the drawbar age then drilled for 1/2-in, bolts which hold the assembly securely in place. A piece of hardwood is bolted to the upper edge of the drawbar, at the center, to serve as a base for mounting two pin-type plugs, which are used to provide a detachable connection between the wiring circuits of the car and trailer. One side of one of these plugs is connected to the positive line of the electrical system on the car, while the other side is grounded. The other plug is similarly connected to the wire leading to the stop-light switch and to the ground. Fig. 20 shows the wiring diagram of the trailer. The upper circuit supplies the dome lights, placed wherever desired in the trailer, and also the kitchen and tail lights, switches being cut in in

the latter two branches. The lower circuit connects direct to the trailer stop-light switch. It is advisable to shield the leads between the car and trailer with loom or flexible metal tubing, allowing sufficient looseness in the cable to prevent any strain. The weight of the trailer should be distributed evenly so that it practically balances on the wheels. So balanced, there will be no undue strain on the car and its riding qualities will not be affected.

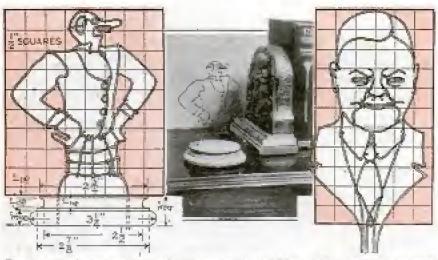
Clothespins Hold Large Spoon



Two spring a clothespins, clipped on the edge of a pail or other container, form a convenient

holder for a large mixing spoon. This is a timesaver when it is necessary to keep the spoon at hand.

It's Fun to Make These Bent-Wire Caricatures



Bending Caricatures from Soft Iron or Copper Wire to Fit Desk Ornaments and Paper Weights, Is a Pleasing Pastime

Caricatures of your friends, or any other figures you desire, can be bent from soft wire and mounted on wooden bases to form pleasing desk novelties and paper weights. A photo or drawing showing either a front view or profile may be se-

lected and it can be traced by means of carbon paper or a pantograph. The sheet is ruled in squares for guide lines, and the wire portions of the figure are then bent to shape. Soft copper wire, chameled or bare, has been found handy to work with. You can shape gradual curves with the fingers, but for sharp corners and small curves, a pair of narrow-nose pliers is useful. The miniature buttons are readily

formed by bending the wire to a row of small loops. In finishing the figure, two or three vertical lengths of wire are left to project for attachment to the base, which may be either square or circular, suitably

stained and polished.

Camera Tripod Used as a Support for Telescope

Small telescopes can be adapted for use on a camera tripod by making a holder, I in, wide and slightly longer than the largest section of the instrument, from a piece of 1/4-in, iron or brass, which is tapped in the center for a 1/4-in, 20-thread screw, the telescope being fastened to it with two radiator hose clamps. The holder should be notched to take the clamps, and either bent or grooved to fit the curvature of the instrument. If, in addition, the tripod is fitted with a ball-and-socket head, the instrument can be easily swung into any position.-Guy Bartlett, Schenectady, N. Y.

Metal Plate Keeps Screweye Tight

Small screweyes, that have become loose and are then likely to be pulled out of the



wood, especially if subjected to strain, can be kept tight by the following method: Drill two holes through a small metal plate, one to admit the shank of

the screweye, and the other to receive a wood screw as shown. In this way the plate, being securely anchored, takes the side strain which is usually responsible for loosening the screw.

Bow Holder for Short Chalkline

Snapping short chalklines can be done easily with a bow as shown. A 3-ft. length of dowel rod is bent to the shape of a



bow by tying a line to each end. The line, after it has been chalked. is snapped on the surface, leaving a mark on it.

Easy Way to Empty Canned Foods

When emptying a can of semi-solid foodstuff, it is a good idea to turn the can upside down and punch a hole in the bottom to enable air to enter. You will find that the contents will slide out much more freely after this is done.

Hints on Applying Steel Roofing

Corrugated-steel roofing will last indefinitely if it is laid so that water cannot collect between the sheets and cause rust. Place the first sheet so that the turneddown edge is at your left. This will bring the other edge to the correct position for the next sheet. After nailing down two-thirds of the first sheet, the second is lapped 2 in, over it and nailed at the joint, thus fastening both sheets at that point. It is best to use hardwood sheathing, as it holds the nails better than soft wood when the metal expands and contracts. Use lead-beaded nails for this purpose, and drive them in the ridges of the corrugations. In order to have the lower edge of the roof even, fas-

ten a butting board at that line for a guide before starting to nail on the sheets, as the ends are not always square with the corrugations. It is best not to drive many nails in the upper end of the sheets until you are ready to nail the ridge roll in po-

sition.

Tobacco Tin Aids in Ripping Stock

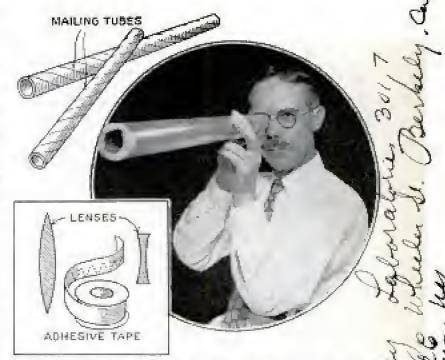


When ripping work with a saw, it is often necessary to have a slender wedge to prevent the saw from binding. An ordinary

tohacco can with the lid removed and the end flattened makes a good wedge.

Curtain Rod Holds Packages on Back of Car Seat

Practically all cars of the coupe type hare a narrow ledge behind the seat on which small packages may be carried safely if an extension curtain rod is fastened across the back of the top, just under the window. Small packages can be stored securely inside the rod, which is easily slipped from the brackets and put away.



Improvised from Mailing Tubes and Spectacle Lenses, This TeleState Scope Is Handy for Boy Scouts

Telescope Made from Mailing Tubes

You can quickly improvise a telescope from two 24-in, mailing tubes, one to fit inside of the other, and two spectacle lenses, one a 1.75-diopter magnifying lens for the large tube, and the other, a 12.00-diopter reducing lens for the eyepiece or small end of the tube. The lenses are mounted in the ends of the tubes with adhesive tape.

A Handy Tool for the Aquarium

By riveting a safety-razor blade to the slotted end of a suitable handle as shown, you can make a handy scraper for removing seum that forms on the inside of a

glass aquarium. This little tool is also useful for trimming the aquarium plants, and for scraping paint and other foreign matter from windows.—

R. G. Bullard, Monterey Park, California.



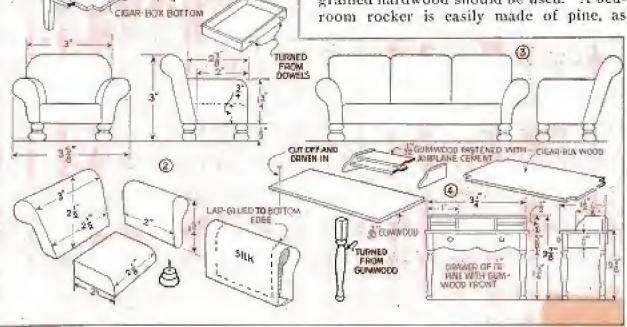
■To pick the right paint bucket when a number of them are placed in a row on a shelf, is easy if the color each contains is painted on the outside.

DOLL-HOUSE Will Please

MOST of the doll-house furniture illustrated can be cut out with a jack-knife, although turned pieces can best be made on a small woodworking lathe.

The overstuffed chairs and sofa in Figs. 2 and 3, each consist of four blocks, covered with light-weight silk cloth which is glued to the wood so that it overlaps on the bottom edge. The dining table, Fig. 12, is really a lathe project. In the center support, 1/4-in. holes are drilled at right angles, and these are shaped into slots with a chisel, file and sandpaper, after which the parts are glued together. In the buffet, Fig. 1, use Vis-in, mahogany for top and panels, and 1/2-in. square pieces for the legs. Build up the front of %s-in, pieces for the drawer and side-door openings, but do not set the top permanently until the hinge pius are inserted for the side doors. Drawer pulls can be turned from dowel rods.

The spool bed, too, Fig. 5, is essentially a lathe job. For the frame of head and foot ½-in, maple dowel stock is used, while ¾6-in, dowels are suitable for the spindles. Side rails are of any ½-in, material if the bed is to be enameled. If it is to be stained, maple or other close-grained hardwood should be used. A bedroom rocker is easily made of pine, as



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shown in Fig. 6. The small spindles at the back are 16e-in, dowels, ordinary throat swabs being used for this purpose.

The dressing table, shown in Fig. 8, is an easy model to copy. As it is to be painted, eigar-box wood is used for top and bottom, with 1/16-in. pine for the single drawer and 1/2-in, wood for the curved side panels. This must be well soaked in water and wrapped around a cylinder of some kind until dry. Although fitted with pulls, the side panels do not open. A small vanity-case mirror is fitted into a turned frame of sugar pine. Make the shoulder just wide enough to retain the mirror, and back it with 1/16-in, wood or pasteboard, The low-back chair, Fig. 9, goes with the dressing table. For dining chairs follow the same construction, but increase the beight of the back and use turned front legs.

The floor lamp, Fig. 10, consists of a spindle and a disk bottom, with a music-wire frame for the shade support. The piano, Fig. 11, is a job for jigsaw and sand-paper. The curved section should be laid out on a piece of 1-in. sugar pine, cut out and finished down to a width of about 1/4 in. It is nailed to a base of cigar-box wood, with other blocks for keyboard, etc. Pedals are pointed strips of sheet alumi-

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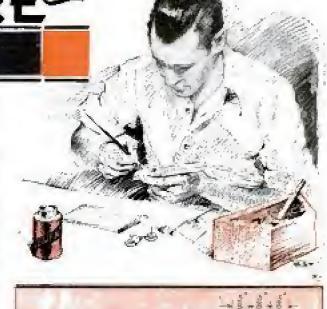
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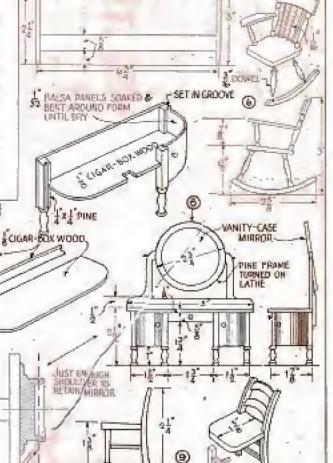


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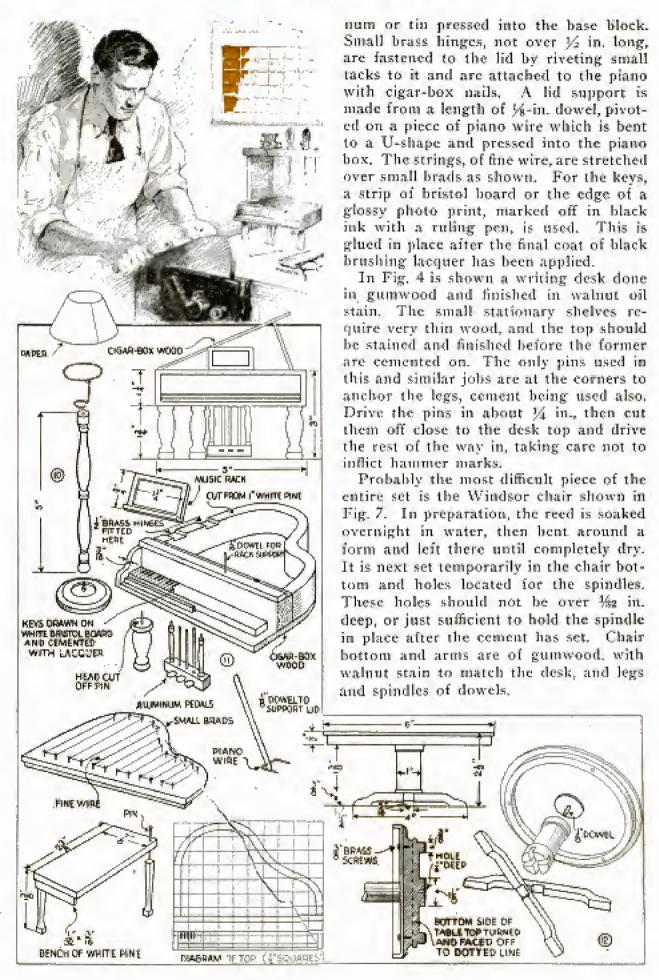
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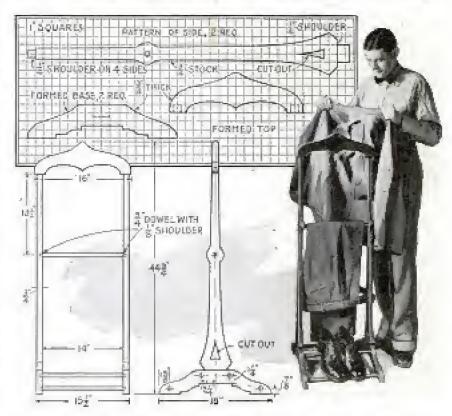
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Silent Valet Holds Coat, Trousers and Shoes

Here's a brand-new novelty that you may want to make-a portable clothes hanger to be placed at the side of your bed to hold coat, vest, trousers and shoes. The construction of such a "valet" requires only ordinary tools, as the round members are made of 34in, dowel rods obtainable at most hardware stores. Shoulders are cut on the dowels so that the tenon. or part entering the hole, is only 1/2-in, diameter. All the joints are of the mortise-and-tenon variety, although simple lap and screwed joints can be used without seriously detracting from the appearance of the object.

Squared-off patterns, shown in the upper details, give the sizes and shapes of the formed members, so that paper patterns may be laid out and the design transferred to the wood. The cutting may be done with a hand scrollsaw or on a bandsaw. All edges must be nicely smoothed down with a spokeshave or file, and then sanded. The edges of the top piece should be well rounded and perfectly smooth, as this



piece serves as the coat and vest hanger. The highest cross rod is used to hold the folded trousers, while shoes are placed with the heel hooked over one of the higher hase rails. Other articles of clothing may also be hung over the trousers rail, or hooks may be added on the sides of the uprights if desired. The valet should be finished to match the other furniture of the room if possible,

Eggshell Serves as Funnel

One half of an eggshell having a small hole pierced in the end, makes an emergency funnel for pouring liquids, in case

no regular funnelis available or if acid is poured and a metal funnel cannot be used. The width of an eggshell affords a large enough opening to catch the liquid, and



if one is careful, there is no need of spilling it over the mouth of the bottle.

Flavor of Milk Retained by Use of Amber-Colored Glass

Experiments made by the department of agriculture show that milk should be kept in a dark place to retain its flavor and freshness. When exposed to sunlight, it quickly develops a bad taste and disagreeable odor. This is caused by the light, which promotes oxidation. By keeping the milk in a box with a hinged door, covered with dark amber-colored glass, its freshness will be prolonged.—R. Heim, Oak Park, Ill.



Blowtorch Made from Toy Balloon, Medicine Dropper and Alcohol Lamp Is Useful for Light Work

Toy Balloon Supplies Compressed Air for Improvised Blowtorch

For light work, a blowtorch can be quickly improvised from a rubber balloon and a medicine dropper. Heat the end of the dropper and draw it out to a fine point, leaving a very small hole in it. Then cut off the tip of the rubber bulb and push the dropper into the neck of the balloon, holding it there securely with a rubber band after the balloon has been inflated. The air escaping slowly through the small hole in the end of the glass, makes a hot flame when used with an alcohol lamp. Air from this source can also be used for mixing liquids as shown.

Can Helps to Untie Knots

If there is a tobacco can handy, you can use this to advantage for loosening hard knots, Catch a portion of the knot be-



tween the coverand body of the can, being careful not to cut the cord. In this way, you can get a good grip on the cord to pull the tight section loose after which it will be an easy matter to untie the knot.

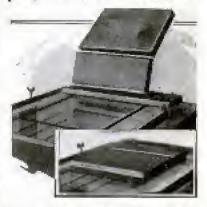
Filing Ignition Breaker Points

One of the most important jobs tried by the average motorist, yet most often improperly done, is the filing of the breaker points in the distributor. The proper method of doing this is to first file them with a coil file, then put a small drop of fine valve-grinding compound between them and loosen the anchor bolts on the movable arm about one-half turn. Rub the points together with an up-and-down motion, with the pressure toward the stationary arm. This will give them a smooth finish and assure that no rough surface, which would cause them to pit and corrode quickly, will prevent them from making a good electrical contact. Make sure that all the compound is wiped out of the mechanism and the anchor bolts tightened before replacing the distributor cap.

Sponge-Rubber Pad Applied to Platen of Photo Printer

Felt pressure pads on photographic printers are often badly worn by continuous contact with the hands. This trouble may be overcome by substituting a sponge-rubber pad, which has sufficient

resiliency to equalize the unevenness of badly buckled negatives. While not adaptable to all types of printers, it has given satisfactory results on one of the



hand-pressure type.—M. E. Hanna, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

How to Keep Sand or Gravel Out of Your Shoes

A good method of keeping grain, sand or gravel out of your shoes is to wear guards or shields made from a pair of old socks. Slit the bottoms of the socks from heel to toe and slip them over the socks you are wearing. Then put on your shoe and tie a string on one side of the sock, bring it under the instep, pull it tight and tie it to the other side of the sock,



An Accurate TOOL-POST GRIN



By L. D. Richards.

A LMOST as versatile as a universal grinder, a good tool-post grinder greatly increases the utility of your lathe, enabling accurate finishing of hardened work, both inside and

out-operations that are impossible with cutting bits. Such a grinder, shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, has the advantage of being small, and allows the use of interchangeable spindles of different lengths and diameters to handle work of either small inside or large outside diameter. In addition, it is practically free from vibration, which would leave marks on the work.

Get a 1/8 to 1/8-hp, motor of small size having a speed of not less than 3,000 r.p.m. Next, obtain ball bearings for the grinder spindle, as you will have to fit

them to the quill and spindle housing. As precision work is to be done with the grinder, it is not advisable to use secondhand bearings. The tool-post plate is made from 1/2-in, cold-rolled steel to the dimensions given in the right-hand detail of Fig. 7, with holes drilled as indi-

cated, the center one to fit the tool post. Then comes the motor-support arm, made of \(\gamma_0\)-in, stock, bent and drilled as in Fig. 4. The slot at one end allows the motor base to slide for adjustment of belt tension. It is fastened to the tool-post plate with two flush rivets, holes in both parts being countersunk. A motor base, Fig. 7, is provided with two curved pieces on the upper side to fit the motor, to which it is attached with screws, and two cleats on the underside to fit snugly on each side of the support arm.

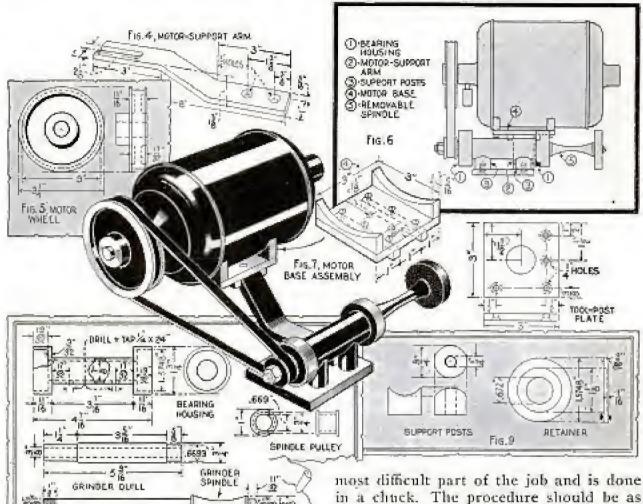


Fig. 8

You are now ready to turn out the spindle, spindle quill, bearing housing, retainers and support posts for the hearing housing, besides two pulleys, these parts being shown in Figs. 5, 8 and 9. The spindle is turned between centers and finished to size with the exception of the end to which the stone attaches. This end must be at the head end of the lathe. Do not cut it off but leave the dog in place and lay it aside to be used as a mandrel on which to turn the hollow quill, so that the latter will be accurately centered.

The quill is made from a piece of ¼-in. (outside diameter) seamless steel tubing having a ¾6-in, wall. The bearings must be a firm push fit and accurately spaced on the quill. Spacing between the shoulders should be a trifle too wide rather than too close. Shims can be used if an error is made. Turning the bearing housing from seamless steel tubing of 1¾-in, outside diameter with a ½-in, wall, is the

in a chuck. The procedure should be as follows to insure accurate results: Select a piece of stock about 2 in, longer than the finished dimensions. Center it in a four-jaw chuck and take a finishing cut over the outside. Bore the inside to the required 1/2-in, diameter. Bore the bearing recess in the exposed end, fit the bearing carrielly and cut the piece off just a trifle longer than necessary. Reverse it in the chuck and center accurately. This can be done better in a four-jaw chuck than in a three-jaw, especially if a micrometerdial test indicator is available. Fit the other bearing and then remove the piece from the chuck. From a piece of scrap, make a plug to fit snugly into one bearing recess, which will afterward be used to make bearing retainers, center and countersink it and cut it off. It is to be pushed into one of the bearing housings. Next, chuck up the scrap end of 134-in. tubing. Turn about 34 in. of its outside diameter to fit tight in the remaining bearing recess. Do not force it tight enough to spread the metal and destroy the bearing fit but, without removing the piece from the chuck, fit the two parts together

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so that the piece in the lathe serves as an arbor for turning the outside of the bearing housing. Drill and tap the oil hole and the screw holes. Oil and not grease is to be used for lubrication.

Two support posts are used to hold the bearing housing to the tool-post plate. The height of these posts depends on the vertical distance between the top surface of the compound rest and the center line, but must be such that the center of the grinder spindle alines accurately with the lathe centers. The bearing-retainer washers are flat disks, dished to give clearance to the inner bearing race, and are permanently held in place by equally spaced punch marks around the rim of the bearing housing. If the speed of your motor exceeds 3,500 r.p.m., it is advisable to make this pulley larger in order to provide more belt-friction surface and larger belt-flexing radius. Although the diameter of the motor pulley is given, in Fig. 5, as 3 in. for a motor running 3,000 r.p.m, the size must be varied if the motor speed differs. To determine the correct pulley size, multiply the spindle r.p.m, (12,000) by the spindle-pulley diameter, and divide the product by the motor r.p.m. To this figure add about 20 per cent for belt slippage, reduction of motor speed due to load, etc. The belt must be of the endless type, preferably leather.

In grinding on the lathe, the motor should be wired to rotate so that the cuttings will fly downward. Also be sure to protect the working parts of your lathe by spreading an oily rag under the stone. See that the jib screws of the rest are set firmly enough to prevent shifting due to the running motor. Avoid taking deep cuts and keep the spindle well oiled.

Corrugated Paper Holds Brushes



For carrying small showcard brushes, a roll of corrugated paper makes a good case, The corrugated side

should be exposed to form individual grooves for the brushes, and a rubber hand slipped over the roll,



Small Parts Placed in Screen-Bottomed Truck Are Pushed over Drain and Quickly Cleaned with Steam

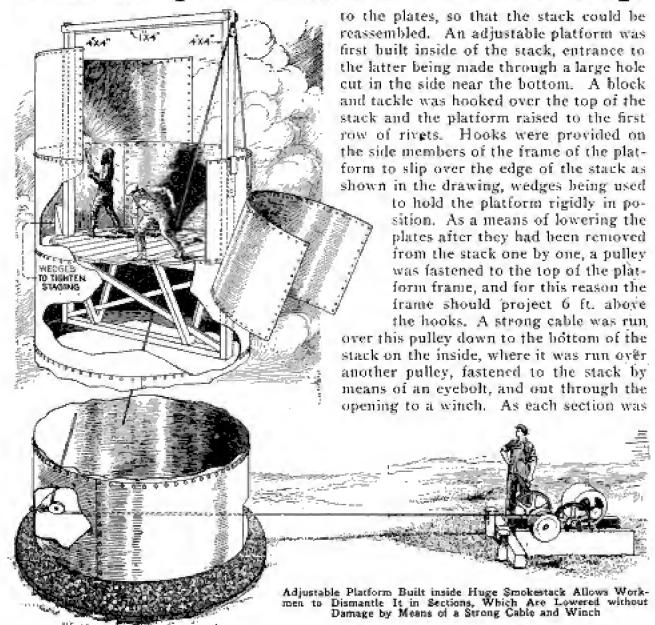
Screen-Bottomed Truck for Steam Cleaning Small Parts

For holding small parts of machinery while steam-cleaning them, the illustrated truck is useful. It has an 18 by 36-in, frame made of 1-in, angle iron which is fastened to an axle and wheels. The bottom is covered with ½-in, mesh wire, held taut by means of metal strips and stove holts as shown. The handle is a length of ¾-in, rod or pipe, one end being welded to the frame, while the other is fitted with a crossrod.

Folding Tripod for Block and Tackle

By bolting three poles together at one end, a tripod for holding a block and tackle can readily be improvised. The poles may be of any suitable size for the work, and they should be bolted together loosely so that they can be spread at the bottom. The bolt used for this purpose should, of course, be strong enough to support the weight of the load to be lifted.

Dismantling a Smokestack Without Damage

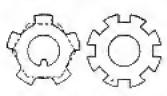


In dismantling a huge smokestack, 7 ft. in diameter and 180 (t. high, professional steeplejacks were confronted with the problem of doing the job without damage

removed, the platform was lowered to the next row of rivets, a few of them being removed and the metal sprung apart to admit the books over the edge of the stack.

Lock Washer from Sheet Metal Has Fine Adjustment

Here is a washer that has a fine adjustment. To make one, scribe two concentric circles on a piece of sheet metal, the diameter of one equal to the width of the nut across the flats, and the other ½ in. larger. Then, between these lines, cut out the metal to form tabs, cutting five tabs for hexagonal nuts and seven tabs for octagonal nuts. A projection should be left in the washer to fit the key slot on the shaft to prevent the washer and nut



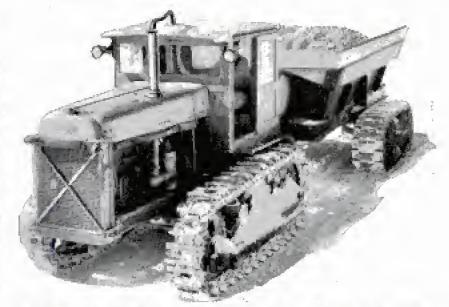
from turning. For shafts not fitted with a slot, an extra tab can be formed on the outside edge of the

washer to be turned back against some part of the mechanism to hold it.

Sandpaper Helps Run Self-Feeding Press

When operating a selffeeding platen press, I was troubled by the sheets of paper sticking together so that two or three of them would pass through at the same time. As a remedy, I glued strips of fine sandpaper, bent out slightly at the top, to the front guide. As the suction cups lift the paper, any extra sheets clinging to it are raked off by the sandpaper. If the table is too close to the front guide

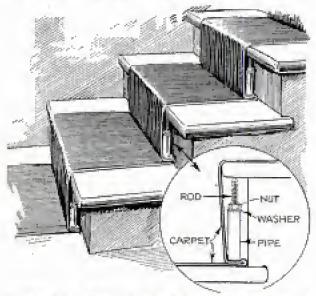
to enable the insertion of the sandpaper, it may be necessary to put a strip of cardboard under the guide at each wingnut.—Fred H. Birch, Glendive, Mont.



Driver Made Comfortable in Tractor Cab That Is Heated by Running Exhaust through Flexible Pipe Coiled Inside of Cab

Clamps Hold Carpet on Stone Stairs

To hold carpets tightly on stone and metal stairs, the illustrated clamps have been used successfully. Take a short length of pipe or tubing and insert an iron rod that is threaded for a nut as shown in the detail. A steel washer is placed between the nut and pipe. In use, the carpet is folded over at the bottom, the pipe placed on it and the rod is screwed up against the underside of the next step.—R. M. Rodgers, Brooklyn.



Clamps That Resemble Small Jacks Hold Carpet on Stone and Metal Stairs

Homemade Heater for Tractor Cab

A gold-mining company near Alma, Colo., that runs a tractor in extremely cold weather, utilizes the exhaust heat to keep the driver warm. A length of flexible pipe is inserted into the exhaust pipe, run through the top of the cab and out through the side near the bottom. The pipe does not give off iumes and the temperature inside the cab can be regulated by making a few coils in the part of the pipe that runs inside the cab.

Engine Is Automatically Stopped When Water Tank Is Full

When pumping water with a magneto-equipped gasoline engine, it can be automatically shut off when the tank is filled by running an insulated wire from the magneto terminal to the tank. Scrape the insulation from the end of the wire and fasten it in position on the tank so that the bared portion just reaches the desired water level. When the water reaches the end of the wire, the magneto will become grounded and stop the engine. At all other points the wire must, of course, be well insulated to prevent it from being grounded.—F. Mix, Chicago.

¶Draftsmen who use hard and soft pencils alternately, or pencils of varying hardness, can save time by fastening two short pencils together by means of a brass or aluminum tube.



Portable Crane on Handtruck to Move Heavy Loads

When moving heavy objects that are awkward to manage with a handtruck, a detachable crane for the truck makes the task comparatively easy. It consists of two 3-ft. lengths of angle iron, supported on the truck axle by a flat-iron brace. A heavy iron hook is bolted to the end.

A Babbitting Putty That Keeps

To make babbitting putty that will keep indefinitely and always be ready for use, take some fuller's earth, or any dried ground clay, and add enough glycerine to form a stiff dough. This putty can be used over and over again, and should be kept in an air-tight container.

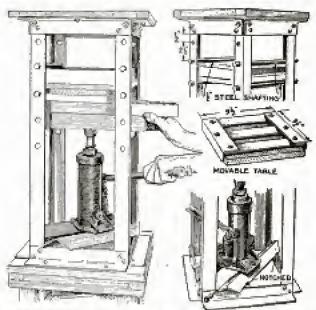
Cloth-Covered Idler Pulley Removes Oil from Leather Belt

Oil can be removed from a leather belt by allowing it to run over an idler pulley around which six or eight turns of cloth, such as canvas or blanketing, has been wrapped tightly and the ends sewed together. The belt should be allowed to run over the pulley for a few days, then be refaced and arranged to run on the opposite side of the belt for a few more days, after which most of the oil will be absorbed.

Make Your Own Hydraulic Press at Small Cost

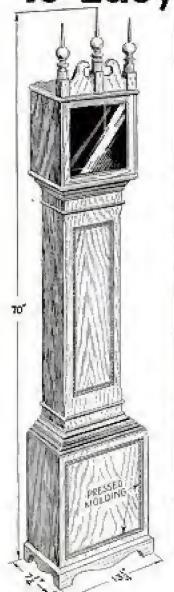
At small cost you can make a hydraulic press that will be useful in your shop. The hydraulic part is a small auto jack that works inside a framework of 11/2in, angle iron, which consists of four uprights and eight crossbraces, fastened together with stoveholts. The bottom braces are drilled for wood serews for attaching the frame to a workbench, while the top braces are drilled for mounting a wooden top, which covers the sharp edges of the frame and serves as a tool rack. The jack is supported by two angle-iron pieces, which are placed diagonally across the bot-

tom of the frame. Notches are cut in these pieces where they rest on the edges of the crossmembers, to prevent slipping. In order to accommodate objects of varying thickness, the press is made adjustable by a movable table of angle iron, against which a hardwood top is placed to provide a smooth surface for the work. The table is supported on ½-in, steel cross rods that are passed through opposite holes in the uprights.



Hydraulic Auto Jack Fitted with Angle-Iron Frame Makes Press for Light Shop Work

Electric HALL CLOCK is Easy to Build Aww.Clyde Lammey





EQUIPPED with electric movement, this "grand-mother" type of clock makes a pleasing addition to your hall furniture, First purchase

the movement with its dial, as the shape and size of the latter partly determine the exact dimensions. The size indicated in the drawings takes a dial 834 in. square.

Beginning with the base, Fig. 5, rip a piece from \(\frac{1}{16}\)-in. mahogany stock to 7/4-in. width and cut off to 13/4-in. length, which size allows \(\frac{1}{2}\) in. for the molding on three edges, the latter being made as in the lower right-hand detail. Next, bandsaw the feet, shown in the detail B of Fig. 1 and in Fig. 4, from \(\frac{1}{2}\)/6-in. mahogany plywood, with the grain running the short way. Miter the joining ends and fasten the feet of the base with screws and glue, as shown in the upper photo on

plinth is built up as shown in Fig. 5. Edge-gluing without dowels will be amply strong if the edges are joined true, waterproof casein glue being used. Rip out several triangular blocks from 11/4-in. stock and fasten them in the inside corners with a rubbed-glue joint, which is made by spreading glue and rubbing the block over the surface until the glue sets sufficiently to hold it in place. Square the joining ends so that the compartment stands perfectly upright when placed on the base. Then fasten with screws and glue. The waist or column, Fig. 3, is built from mahogany stock cut to the dimensions indicated and joined in the same way as the parts of the plinth. Before assembling, the edges of the front piece are chamfered as shown, and one edge of each side is rabbeted ¼ by ¼ in, to take a plywood back panel. The top compartment or hood is shown in Fig. 2. Both top and bottom pieces are molded on three edges as indicated. Besides rabbeting the back edge of the sides as in the waist and

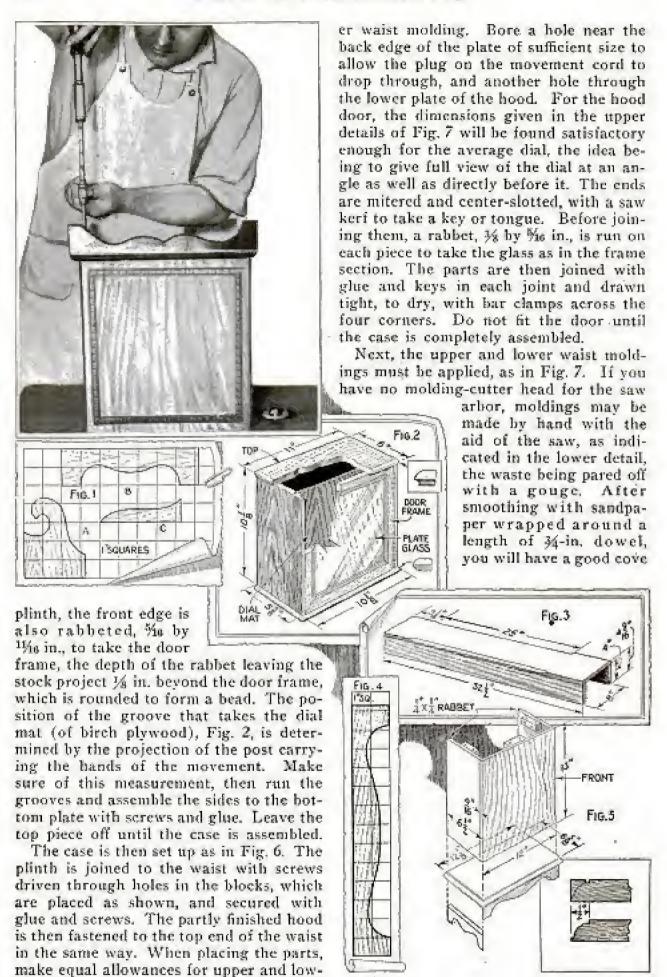
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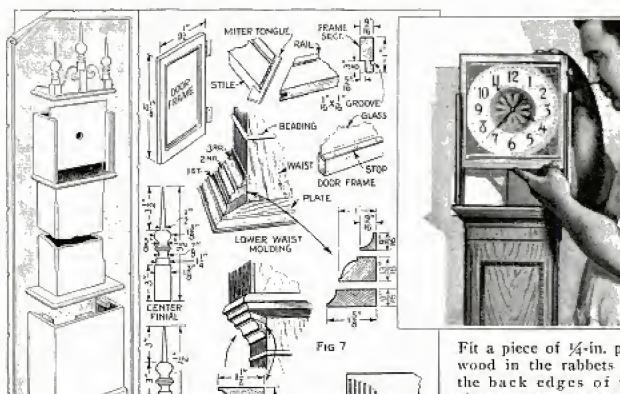
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UPPER WAIST MOLDING

molding. The molding pieces are laid up as shown, mitered carefully at the corners and secured with glue and ½-in. brads, the heads of the latter being set in. The upper waist molding is assembled on the case in the same way. Pressed molding, about ¾ in. wide, is used on the front of the waist and the plinth about 1¼ in. from the edges. Be sure to get it parallel with the edges and square across the ends.

Fig. 5

Next, bandsaw the scrolled parts A and C, Fig. 1, two of each, with the grain running as indicated. Also turn the three finials. Then assemble the parts on the top piece of the hood, and fasten with screws driven up from the underside of the top piece. These two parts give the false front a better appearance when viewed from the side. Then locate the movement with the hand post projecting through the center hole in the mat. In some cases it is necessary to scrollsaw a rectangular opening to take the movement, which is screwed directly to the dial. Screw the dial to the mat and slide the latter in the grooves. Screw the top in place last, making certain that the sides of the hood are exactly the same distance apart. Then fit the door and hinge, providing it with spring latch and small pull, Fit a piece of ¼-in. plywood in the rabbets on the back edges of the three compartments, leaving the backing of the top compartment loose, and providing two clips

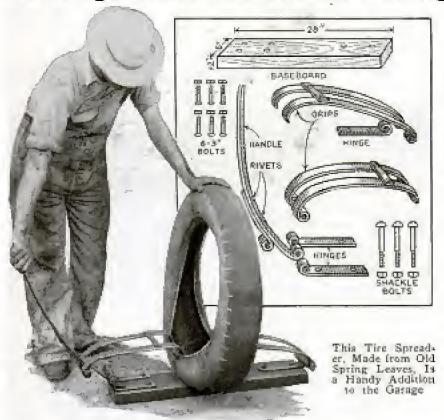
held with screws, to keep it in place. Drill a hole through the backing of the plinth and lead the movement cord down through the case and out the back.

Sand all parts of the case with progressively finer grits, either by hand or with an electric belt sander, until the surface is smooth. Then stain the wood with brown mahogany oilstain, rubbing out the centers of all flat surfaces to give an an-Allow to dry thoroughly, tique finish. fill with paste filler colored to match, fill nail and brad holes carefully, sand lightly and apply two coats of white shellae or spirit varnish. Sand lightly between coats and rub down the last with powdered rottenstone and oil. Then finish with two coats of furniture wax, rubbing down to a polish.

How to Adjust Small Microscopes

Most small microscopes are adjusted with the lens, which is not always accurate. To get the best results, merely loosen the main objective lens so that it can be turned in both directions. The turning of this lens gives a nearly perfect adjustment without altering the instrument in any way.—B. Woolsey, Ridgefield Park, N. J.

Tire Spreader for Small Garage Is Portable



Made from the leaves of an old car spring, this portable tire spreader will be found useful in the small garage. Four of the leaves are formed to make two grips, an eye being bent on one end of each leaf to take a shackle bolt, which serves as a hinge pin, while the other end is bent to form a hook. One of the grips is hinged to one end of a suitable baseboard by means of a short leaf, and the other grip is hinged to a handle, also made from one of the longer spring leaves, which is in turn hinged to the base between two shorter leaves, as indicated. In use, the tire is set on the baseboard, and the grips hooked over the beads. By pushing down on the handle, the tire is opened with little effort. If desired, the spreader

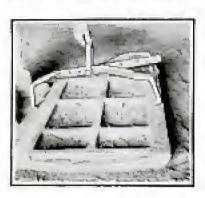
may be mounted on a bench, or it can be carried about.—Archie S. Welch, Springfield, Ohio.

Abrasive Compound Renews Bolt Threads

When the threads on a bolt become rusty and the nut is hard to unscrew, apply a little valve-grinding compound to the inside of the nut and run it back and forth on the threads. These will be cut and the rust removed in a short time.

Triple Hook for Crane or Fall Block

This triple book for carrying castings, or broad-surfaced metal articles, is made



from three lengths of 34 by 1½-in. bar ir on. Each bar is given a quarter twist and the end is then bent to form a hook. A number of holes are now

drilled in the shank of the longer hook to enable adjustment for width, the three bars being held together with a bolt, to which a clevis is also attached.

Stand Equipped with Rollers Supports Angular Work

A V-shaped holder, fitted with rollers to facilitate the sliding of stock, is handy for supporting lengths of angle iron. It is welded to the end of a rod which tele-



then bent to scopes into a pipe welded to a suitable form a hook. base. After adjustment for height, a large A number of cotter key is inserted in one of the holes holes are now—drilled through the rod as shown.

Adapting Power Hacksaw Blades to Hand Work

Power backsaw blades are often handy for making wider slots than can be cut with a handsaw. As they are too long to fit in the frame of a backsaw, they can be used by fitting them with a special handle. Such a handle is made by bending double a piece of metal of a suitable size, and iastening it to the ends of the saw blade.

Extra Glass Improves Level

Attached to one end at a 45° angle, an extra glass will increase the usefulness of a level. One end of the level is beveled at exactly 45° and the glass attached. The angle may be checked by standing a 45°



triangle or try-square on a level surface and laying the bottom of the level along the diagonal side. Any deviation can be corrected by inserting paper or shim stock under the end

of the glass if it has to be raised.—W. C. Wilhite, Hornsby, Ill.

Breaking Cast Iron with Water

In France, advantage has been taken of the non-compressibility of water in breaking up large masses of east iron. The method is simple, and consists in drilling a hole in the mass of iron to a depth of about one-third of its thickness. The hole is filled with water and closed with a steel plug. A ram is then permitted to fall on the plug, and the impact splits the iron.



Improved Bench for Fabric Workers

Cutting and sewing broad strips of heavy fabric can be made easier for the operator, if the machine is mounted on a wide bench with a deep recess in the side as shown. This provides a larger surface for supporting and turning the material. The recess should be made several inches wider near the machine to provide ample room for movement of the arms. The corners and edges should be rounded off smoothly to prevent injury to the clothing.

—Jos. C. Coyle, Englewood, Colo.

Rejuvenating Tungar Rectifying Bulbs

Rectifying bulbs that have good filaments, but do not deliver their rated amperage, can be rejuvenated as follows: Connect the secondary terminal of a model-T Ford coil to the top terminal of

> the bulb, then connect the upper side and the bottom terminals of the coil to the poles of a 6-volt storage battery. Also run a separate wire from the upper side terminal of the coil, and touch it alternately to the filament connections of the bulb for about two minutes at a time, until each one has been thus connected for four minutes.- Erle C. Freeman, Portland, Ore.

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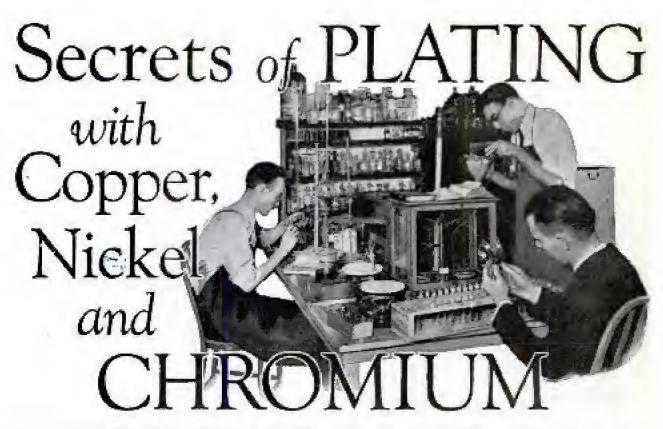
HEMICALLY clean work is the first requirement in electroplating, and this can best be obtained by putting all articles to be plated through a

systematic cleaning routine,

First, wash the work in gasoline or carbon tetrachloride to remove grease and oil. A mixture of equal parts of these two solvents is effective and practically noninflammable. Lacquer remover is necessary if the work to be plated has been finished in that manner. A final scrubbing with hot soapsuds, to which a small amount of washing soda has been added, will remove the last trace of grease and oil. The cleaned article should be rinsed first in hot and then in cold water to rid

is of iron or steel, all scale and oxide must be removed by pickling in a sulphuricacid bath. This consists of one part of commercial sulphuric acid and ten parts of water by volume. Do not pour the water into the acid, but pour the acid into the water slowly. This should be done in a stoneware crock. Glass is not suitable, because considerable heat is generated when the acid is poured into the water, Cast iron should be dipped several times, rinsing and brushing between dips. To remove heavy oxide coatings from brass and copper a "bright dip" is effective. The work should be quickly dipped into the solution, removed, and thoroughly rinsed in hot and then in cold water. Too long a time in the bright dip will cause deep pitting. A good bright dip is made by adding I lb. of commercial nitric acid and 1/2 oz. of commercial hydrochloric (muriatic) acid to 3 qt. of water in a stoneware crock. To this add slowly 2 lb, of commercial sulphuric acid. Allow to cool before using. Crocks containing the bright dip and the pickle solution may conveniently be set in the sink while in use. If cold water is allowed to run into the sink while the work is progressing, spilled acid will be diluted and safely carried away before it can attack the plumbing. bright dip will give off nitric-oxide fumes while it is in use. These fumes may be removed by proper ventilation. The surface of soldered or brazed work usually has a hard scale, together with crystallized borax or flux. This can be removed by pickling the work in 1 gal, of water to which has been slowly added I oz. of sodium dichromate and 10 oz. of sulphuric acid,

After the scale has been removed by this treatment, the work may be bright-dipped as previously described. In using any of these chemical cleaning baths, it is important to rinse the work first in boiling-hot, then in cold water im-



mediately after its removal from the bath. The hot water will aid in forcing the metal to give up any hydrogen gas which it has absorbed and which would cause brittle electroplates. Besides, pitting will result if any acid is left on the work.

The third step in cleaning is that of polishing and buffing the surface of the work to render it smooth and lustrous. In the case of castings, it may be necessary to use a grinding wheel before the work is finished with finer abrasives. The plater must decide for himself just how many grades of abrasives are to be used in the polishing operations. Emery powder is available in a large variety of fineness. For most purposes No. 120 emery is adequate for the first polishing. If the powder is used, it should be run onto a cloth huffing wheel which has been previously sized with a good grade of glue. It is more convenient to buy the abrasives in stick form (abrasive mixed with a suitable

grease binder). In this form they vary from fairly coarse, such as No. 120, to very fine, such as No. 150. To use, the stick abrasives are brought in contact with a rotating cloth buffing wheel. The heat generated will melt a portion, which will adhere to the surface of the cloth. The work is polished by moving it in contact with the wheel.

Finer grades of abrasive may be used progressively until the surface has the desired polish. Many abrasives other than emery are available, and most of them can be obtained in stick form. A number of these, listed in order of fineness, are emery, tripoli, pumice, crocus, lime, and jewclers' rouge. The last is the finest and softest. The importance of polishing and buffing will be realized when it is understood that the plated work will be no smoother than the polished work before the plating.



WORK CLEANED IN A SOLUTION OF GASOLINE AND CARBON TETRACHLORIDE

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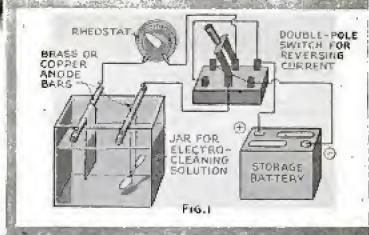
removed. This is best accomplished by electro-cleaning. This is carried out by hanging the work from copper or brass rods in an electro-cleaning solution in a crock or battery jar. Two rods must be used. Work may be hung from both rods, but if only one

piece is to be cleaned, any piece of scrap lead or iron may be hung

from the other rod to complete the circuit. The supporting rods are connected to a storage battery and rheostat through a reversing switch, as in Fig. 1. The proper cleaning solution to use depends upon the kind of metal of which the work is made. For iron or steel, dissolve one-half can of lye and a quarter of a bar of good laundry soap in 1 gal. of water. For brass and similar alloys, dissolve 4 oz. of washing soda, 2 oz, of trisodium phosphate, one-eighth of a bar of soap and 1/2 oz. of lye in 1 gal. of water. For articles made from aluminum or zinc. use a solution made by dissolving 3 oz. of washing soda and 3 oz. of baking soda in l gal. of water. All of these solutions

should be used as hot as possible. When the proper cleaner has been selected, the work should be suspended in it and the rheostat adjusted until a large volume of gas is being liberated from the work suspended from one of the rods. Reverse the current every few seconds with the switch, The work need be left in the electrocleaner only a few minutes. If it contains solder, the time must be very short to prevent its being dissolved. Remove the work and rinse in hot and cold water. If, after thorough rinsing, the water tends to form globules on the surface rather

than flow smooth, the cleaning is incomplete. In this case, it will be found most satisfactory to scrub the work with finely powdered lime. Then, after rinsing, repeat the electro-cleaning operation, and after the work has been thoroughly cleaned, dip it in the acid or bright dip and rinse as before.



The work is now ready for its first electroplating bath. If the solution is not ready, the work should be kept suspended in clean water. This will prevent oxidation and accumulation of dirt, either of which is ruinous to plating. To prepare a good chromium-plating solution, dissolve 33 oz. of chromic acid in 1 gal. of water. To this solution add 11/2 fl. dr. of concentrated sulphuric acid. This solution is very corrosive to skin and organic matter. It should be kept in a glass-stoppered bottle and protected against spilling or breakage. If desired, you can use one of the patented chromium-plating solutions. which can be purchased ready for use.

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They are very effective and the cost is not high. Although this solution will plate fairly well at room temperature, it works better if it is kept at a temperature of about 100° F. This may be accomplished by setting the glass or stoneware plating tank on blocks of wood in a larger container, such as a pail, in which enough water is kept to surround it as shown in one of the photographs. The assembly

can then be heated without danger of breakage
or overheating. A thermometer can be immersed
in the water surrounding
the plating tank. The
chromium comes from
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or steel are used. These
are suspended from heavy
brass or copper bars resting across the plating
tank and connected directly to the positive pole

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acid fumes which will be liberated, and the switch is then closed. The rheostat is adjusted until the voltmeter reads about 4 volts. After a few seconds, the current is turned off and the work examined for plate. If no plate has formed, it will be necessary to vary the voltage up and down until results are obtained. Some patience will be required here, as

the temperature, the purity of the chemicals and the kind of work all have influence on the formation of the chromium

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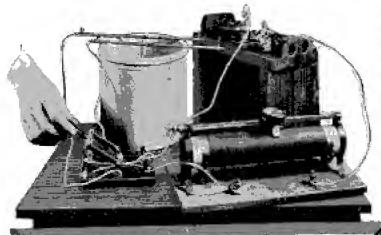
BRASS OR

WIRES TO

HOLD WORK

In four to five minutes a chromium plate adequate for most purposes can be deposited. If the plate does not form on the work directly under the suspension wires, the wires must be shifted so as not to interfere. If a defective plate is produced, it may be quickly stripped off by immersing the work in dilute hydrochloric (muriatic) acid. After rinsing, another trial may be made. Chromium may be plated directly on iron, but the deposit is likely to be porous and will offer little

of the battery. Another bar is placed between the two anodes. From this bar, or cathode, the work is suspended by means. of copper wires. It is connected to the rheostat, which may be an old radio-filament rheostat or a salt-water rheostat. The other binding post of the rheostat is connected to the negative pole of the battery through any kind of switch, which is handy for turning off the current while removing or inserting work. A voltmeter, reading from 0 to 10 volts, should be connected to one anode and to the cathode bar of the tank. When the outfit is assembled, newspapers are spread over the top of the plating tank to absorb the corrosive



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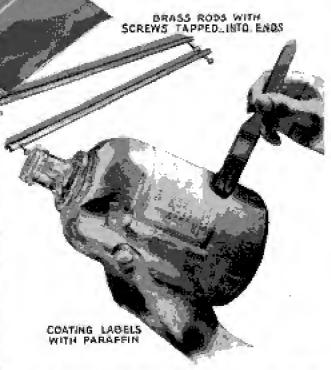
SHEET-METAL ANODE

protection against corro-When mechanical durability, such as is needed for golf clubs or tools and dies, is desired, this method should be For protection used. against rust and for the best finish, undercoats of copper and nickel are necessary, For decorative purposes steel articles should first be plated with a heavy coat of copper, then with a mediumheavy plate of nickel. Chromium may then be plated over the nickel in the same manner as be-

fore. To produce the copper plate, connect the apparatus exactly as for chromium, except that pieces of sheet copper are to be used as anodes. The solution is the dangerous cyanide-copper solution. It is: a deadly poison, and its fumes must not be inhaled. If any abrasions exist on the hands, wear rubber gloves while handling it. It can be absorbed through cuts, the eyes, or other tissues; therefore prepare it in a draft which carries the fumes away from you and avoid contact with it. To prepare the solution, dissolve 1 oz. of sodium carbonate in 1 gal, of water. Then add 3½ oz. of sodium cyanide (poison) and stir with a stick until dissolved. Weigh out 3 oz. of copper cyanide (poison). To a small portion of the above solution, add the copper cyanide and work it into a paste with a stick. Add this paste to the rest of the solution and stir carefully until it dissolves. Add 1/8 oz. of hypo, and the solution is ready to use. It should be used at room temperature. The rheostat should be adjusted so that the voltmeter reads about 4 volts. Be sure that the work is well rinsed before placing it in this bath; also avoid spilling acid or other solutions in the bath, as this would cause the liberation of large quantities of hydrocyanic-acid gas. An immersion of

thirty minutes will produce a good plate on the work,

After plating with copper, rinse the work thoroughly and nickelplate it in a solution made by dissolving 12 oz. of nickel sulphate, 4 oz. of nickel chloride and 2 oz. of boric acid in 1 gal. of water. Use sheets or bars of pure nickel as anodes. Adjust the rheostat until the volt-



meter reads 5 volts. After a few minutes, readjust the rheostat without opening the switch until the voltmeter reads a little less than 2 volts. For a heavy plate, let the current flow for about forty minutes; for a thin plate, fifteen minutes will suffice.

The completed nickelplate should be rinsed thoroughly, dried and polished with

gentle pressure, using fine Vienna-lime paste on a soft muslin buffing wheel. After the nickel is polished, the work should be rinsed in hot and cold water and electro-cleaned as before to remove the polishing grease. It should then be immersed in the acid dip and rinsed again with hot and cold water. The work is now ready for the chromium, if this is desired. Plate on the chromium as previously described for three to four minutes. After rinsing, the chromium may be polished to a brilliant luster with any good grade of chromium-coloring paste applied with a soft muslin buffing wheel. Chromium may be effectively plated onto well cleaned copper. Brass, zinc and silver articles should be nickelplated before attempting to plate them with chromium. The nickelplate in these cases should be polished exactly as for steel.

If you intend to do considerable work in plating, standard commercial anodes may be used, obtainable at any electroplating-supply house, or homemade sheet-metal anodes can be employed. Convenient hangers from which they are suspended are made from lengths of brass tubing of sufficient strength to hold the anodes. To make it easy to connect your wiring to them, drill and tap the ends for a small 6-32 machine screw as shown. Bottle labels of paper, which may be quickly eaten off by acid; can be protected by coating them with melted paraffin.

Wire Hooks Hold Brick Veneer

When laying veneer bricks, wire books like that illustrated should be placed over the study and cemented between the bricks, a few in each row. These books



will hold a large surface of brick veneering securely, and prevent it from pulling away from the studding. Medium-heavy fence wire is

used to make them, and a bending jig will form a large number quickly. They should fit around the studs tightly.



Contents of Large Carboy Safely Poured by Pivoting It to Angle-Iron Stand

Carboy Containing Acid Swings on Angle-Iron Frame

Large carboys containing acid, which are rather dangerous to tip when filling smaller bottles, can be safely handled by pivoting them on an angle-iron stand as shown. Lengths of 1-in, rod are welded to metal plates, which are drilled so that they can be screwed to the carboy frame and serve as pivots.—R. M. Thomas, Denver, Colo.

Eliminating Static Electricity in Belts

Where belts are used near explosive or highly inflammable material, caution is necessary to prevent the accumulation of static electricity, which is generated by belt slippage and the continuous making and breaking of contact between the belts and the pulleys. It is also generated by friction between the belts and the surrounding air. To ground it, one large powder manufacturer coats the belts with a graphite solution, while another keeps the belts automatically moistened with a solution of water and glycerine in equal parts. Either of these solutions makes the belts conduct electricity and allows it to escape through machines provided with metal pulleys. On wooden pulleys a band of copper may be attached to the face and connected to the shaft. Another method is to use good non-slip high-friction belts that are smooth on both sides and have good conductivity.

A Paperhangers' Combination Table and Ladder



It consists of three lengths of ladder pivoted together as shown, the middle section being longer than the end sections. For use as a bench, the latter are swung down to serve as legs, and are held in position by means of flat-iron braces pivoted to the middle section and slipped over the ends of the extending lower rungs on the legs. Lengths of 2 by 6-in, stock are placed over the rungs of the horizontal piece to form the top of the bench. For use as a ladder, the iron braces are disconnected and the legs swung up, the upper rungs fitting into notches cut in the ends of the middle Slide bolts are fitted over the section. notches and, when fastened, these hold the legs firmly, making a rigid ladder.

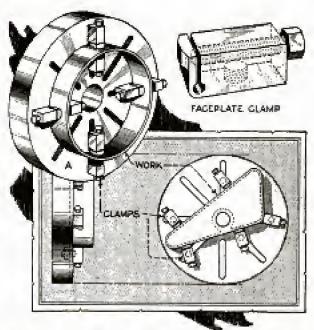
Paint for Hot Surfaces

One of the cheapest ways of painting surfaces that reach temperatures above 350° F., such as smokestacks, is to give them a coat of black asphaltum varnish. Although this may not last very long if the temperature is high, the cost of renewal is not high, as asphaltum varnish is inexpensive. Oil paints are not satisfac-

tory at temperatures above 350 because the heat is harmful to the linseed-oil binder.

Faceplate Clamps Hold Irregular Work in Lathe

Some types of work that is hard to hold either in a chuck or faceplate is easily held with clamps consisting of a square piece of cold-rolled stock and a capscrew. A jaw, or prong, is formed at one end of the piece by cutting a slot, ending in a hole, across one end as shown in the upper detail. The jaw can be pushed forward by means of a capserew in a hole drilled and tapped through to the slot from the opposite end of the piece. The screw should have a movement of no more than 🎋 in, when driven down, to prevent breaking the jaw, which is rounded off at the corner near the bottom of the slot, and also sideways so that it can be used internally. The block is then drilled and tapped in the side for a capscrew to hold it to the faceplate. In use, the clamps with the screws turned back, are run up to the work, and there attached firmly to the faceplate. The screws are tightened, forcing the jaws against the work. As the clamps can be turned in any direction, they are adaptable to work of any shape which can be held from the side. The lower detail shows how irregular work can be clamped to the faceplate,



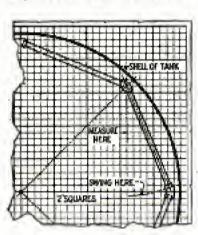
Round and Irregular Work Can Be Held to a Faceplate with These Clamps

Monel-Metal Oil Strainer

Designed by an engineer, an oil screen that eliminates the perforated pipe usually employed to hold the screen rigid, is made of fine-mesh monel-metal wire cloth, which is strong enough to withstand any ordinary strain on the screen without any protection. Monel metal is easily soldered and quickly cleaned. With such a screen, more surface is obtained for the oil to flow through, thus eliminating clogging where a large quantity of oil is to be strained.—W. F. Schaphorst, Newark, N. J.

Chart Aids in Determining Amount of Pipe and Fittings for Job

Often a puzzling job of pipe fitting can be simplified by laying it out on a piece of paper ruled in squares. For example, the pipe necessary for fitting a round tank with coils can be determined by draft-



ing it out as shown, measuring a connection to get the proper allowance at the angles. The coil can be located any desired distance from the sides of the tank, and the length of pipe needed

is determined by counting the squares on a side where the pipe runs parallel to the ruling of the paper. If it is not parallel, the distance can be set on a compass and swung onto one of the rulings.

Testing Compression of Auto Motor

Loss of compression in one or more cylinders of an auto engine often can be detected by the sound of the starter gears when they are engaged. If the compression is equal on all cylinders the sound or growl of the gears will be evenly spaced, but if one cylinder has little compression or none at all, the sound will be irregular.

To retard the setting of shellac mix a teaspoonful of lard to each gallon.



Method of Determining the Finished Size of Pictures for Use on Page of Type

Reduced Size of Pictures Obtained by Optical Illusion

The exact appearance and size of a picture, after its reduction for use on a page of type, can be closely approximated by the following method: Cut out the portion of the page that the picture is to occupy. Tack the latter to a wall and hold the page between the eye and the picture. By moving the page back and forth, the size of the image as it appears through the cut-out, can be varied and the needed reduction in size determined.—Kenneth M. Manning, Lemoore, Calif.

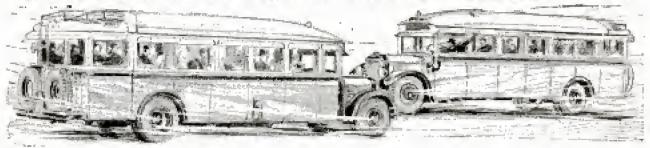
Raised Register Key Saves Time for Store Clerks

Much time can be saved in stores having a popular unit of sale by raising the key on the cash register which represents the price of the article. A small round

piece of wood is taped to the top of the key, which is then easily found. The method helps to prevent errors, especially when the clerks are rushed by many buyers.



Can You Solve these Puzzles?



WO motor busses make a run in opposite directions over the same highway between two towns 127 miles apart. They don't change speed all the way. One hour after they pass the meeting point, one bus has arrived at the end of its journey. The other bus has to travel four hours after it leaves the passing point to complete its journey. What was the comparative speed of the two busses?

Tackle that one. Remember, you have to arrive at your answer by reasoning and not by trying out guesses. If you guess right, you must be able to show why. HERE is a practical problem, submitted by a garage manager to a group of applicants for a job, that called for original thinking:
"This continuous chain of thirty

chain of thirty links I want cut up to get six pieces of five links each. How much will it cost, on the basis of paying 10 cents for cutting through a link and 15 cents for soldering a link together? If I can buy new five-link pieces at 25 cents

each, will it pay to have this chain cut up? What is the most economical method?

Better not give snap judgment on that fellow's proposition; think it over a bit.



Answers to Last Month's Puzzles

A total of 119 groups (three disks in straight line) can be found in the formation shown last month.

In the puzzle "farming on shares," similar quantities of wheat and rye being worth, respectively, \$54 and \$64.80, it is clear that their relative values are as 5 to 6. Now let us deal with the information that if twelve bushels of rye are worth \$5.04 more than six bushels of wheat, and since six bushels of wheat would be of the same value as five bushels of rye, then that

\$5.04 must be the value of seven bushels of rye, which figures out at the rate of 72 cents per bushel.

Wheat, being worth five-sixths of rye, is established at 60 cents per bushel. They shared on the basis of three parts to landlord and four parts to tenant. Therefore, to offset the farmer's \$54 worth of wheat, the landlord would be entitled to \$40.50 worth of grain. As he wanted his share in rye, we have to divide \$40.50 by 72 cents in order to find that he was to receive 561/4 bushels.

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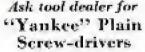
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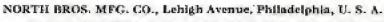
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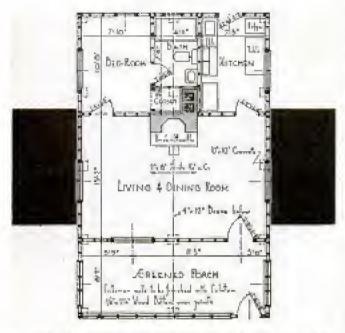
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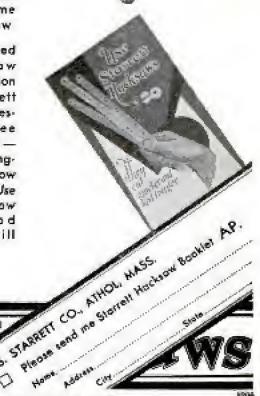
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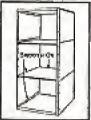
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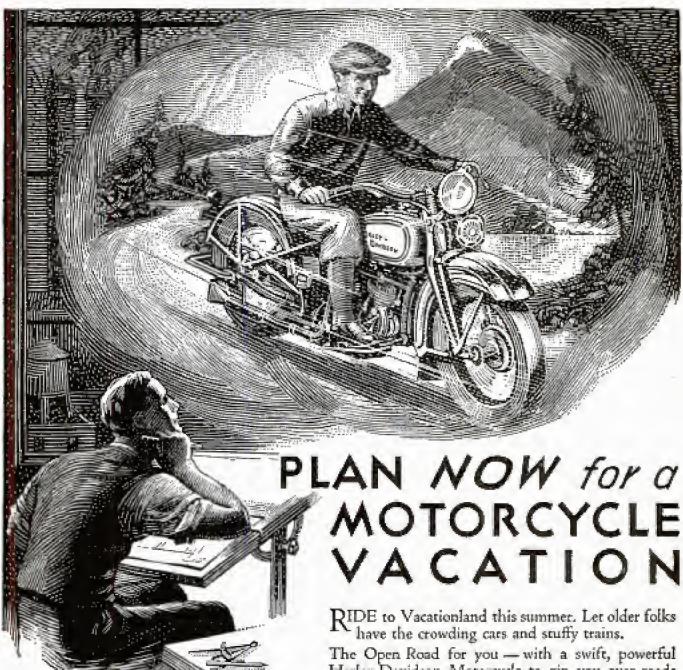
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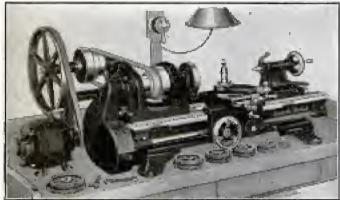
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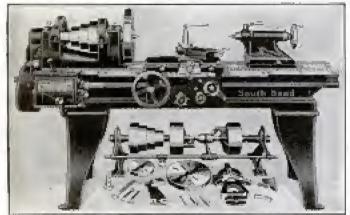
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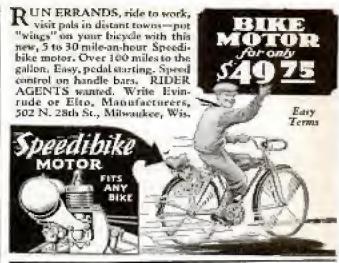
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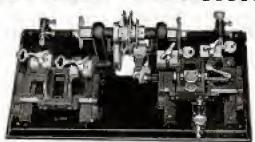
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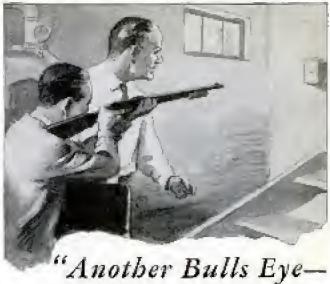


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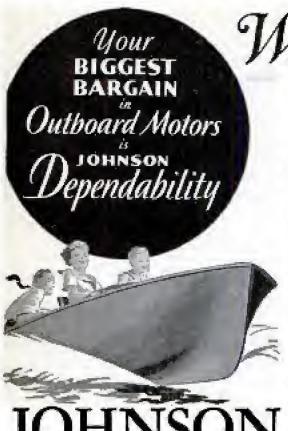
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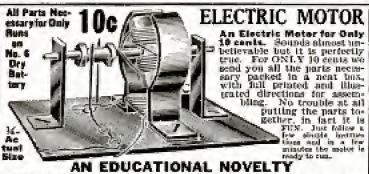
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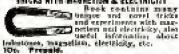
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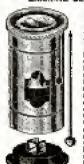
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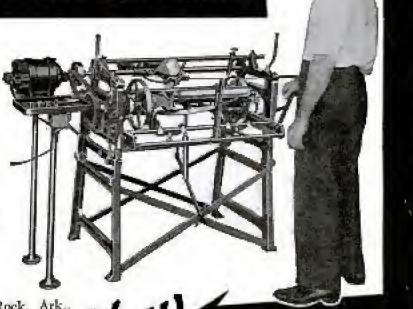
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